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LATO FOR POLONIA

Polonia Sydney is to have ex-Polish international Grzegorz Lato in its team for 1986.

Lato, at present in Canada, is keen to join Polonia and has agreed to terms, according to Polonia officials. With another player shortly to join Polonia from Ruch Chorzow it is obvious Polonia will have a spectacular season.

Lato, one of the longest-serving Polish internationals, is still fairly nippy and his experience should help the club surge into the State League finals.

Lato was top scorer of the 1974 World Cup finals, with seven goals — ALEX VESIC



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Stevenson hits out at Heidelberg

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

"The last coach I had in Scotland was a right head-banger. He used to run us up and down hills like a madman but I need that sort of discipline. That's what I'm used to. Manfred Schaefer is a hard man and already I've got the feeling that if you're honest with the man on and off the field, he'll back you to the hilt."

Stuart Stevenson (pictured) was gearing up for the next step in a career which he hopes one day will earn him the privilege of playing for Australia.

He was angry when we spoke of Heidelberg, supremely optimistic when we spoke of Olympic and much more at peace with himself and the world than in our last conversation late last year.

He's living in a two-bedroom flat in Bondi, there's money in his bank account, he's itching to pull on his soccer boots and he's finding Sydney a "much more exciting place" than Melbourne.

Stevenson last week joined Olympic for the \$13,000 transfer fee placed on his head by the appeals tribunal. The hearing was a traumatic experience for Stevenson, who had been trying to join Olympic since late last year.

"I never want to go through anything like that again. It was a case of me calling Heidelberg liars and them saying that I was a liar. It was a bad scene. It made me very disillusioned with Australian soccer at the time. Heidelberg signed me from Pollok (in Scotland) for \$1,000 and gave me \$3,000 to sign on for a one-and-a-half year contract with an option."

Stevenson claims that last year Heidelberg fell behind in paying him his contract money.

"I had to go to Lou Ioannidis and pester him

all the time for money that was owed to me. I couldn't live on \$100 a week. It was hopeless. When I first came here, Heidelberg got me a job in a shoe factory. It was the most soul-destroying thing I've ever had to do. I had to chuck it and when the club didn't get me another job and I didn't have the money coming in and I was waiting for contract money to be paid, I had to sit in the house all day doing nothing."

St George, Blacktown, West Adelaide Hellas, Inter Monaro, South Melbourne Hellas and Melbourne Croatia joined Olympic in the race to sign Stevenson once his dissatisfaction with Heidelberg became well known. Blacktown made him the best offer, so why did he join Olympic?

"First of all, the move to Sydney was important to me. If you're going to make a name for yourself then Sydney's the place to be. I want to play for Australia. The national coach and his assistant are based in Sydney. The bulk of the Australian squad is in Sydney. If you do well against these national team players week-in, week-out you're going to be noticed and you're going to give yourself a far better chance of getting into the squad."

"Olympic is the team that always is in the spotlight in Sydney. So they should be. They're a top club with great players and great potential. Sure, Blacktown's splashing its money about so that it can stay in the National League if it gets cut back to 14 teams but you can't just buy five or six new players at the start of the season and have a great year. It doesn't work like that. It takes time to build a new side."

"Olympic on the other hand haven't gone mad and bought a lot of new players. The side is fairly settled and it's that sort of stability as well as the class of players there that attracted me the most for Blacktown offered me a hell of a lot more than I'm getting at Olympic."

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DEATH LIST!

—They'll pay for poor record

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Australian soccer is poised for its most exciting season as 24 clubs vie for 14 positions in the reduced, 1987 National League.

But many face a near hopeless task because of poor performances in the league since it started in 1977.

Past performances will constitute 40 per cent of the criteria for membership of the 14-team league.

Placings in 1986 will command 50 per cent of the criteria and crowd support 10 per cent.

The clubs in greatest danger of being dumped even before the 1986 season starts, are: Newcastle-Rosebud, Sunshine-George Cross, Footscray JUST, Green Gully, Wollongong, Blacktown, Brisbane City, Canberra Arrows, Inter-Monaro and Brisbane Lions.

Points to be gained for league placings in 1986:

- 1st = 50 pts
- 2nd = 45.83
- 3rd = 41.66
- 4th = 37.49
- 5th = 33.32
- 6th = 29.15
- 7th = 24.98
- 8th = 20.81
- 9th = 16.64
- 10th = 12.47
- 11th = 8.30
- 12th = 4.17

They, along with West Adelaide Hellas, have scored the least points for past performances.

West Adelaide, however, is likely to compensate by finishing high up the ladder this season, and gaining good crowd support from Adelaide's Greek community as a result of the recruitment of Charlie Yankos, Rob Dunn, Lou Hristodoulou and Brian McLaughlin.

The clubs that have scored most points for past performances, all have good teams for the 1986 season, so they are almost certain to qualify for the elite 14.

Those clubs are: Sydney Hakoah, Sydney Croatia, Brunswick Juventus, Heidelberg-Alexander, South Melbourne Hellas, Marconi, Melbourne Croatia, Preston-Makedonia and Sydney Olympic.

How they stand

Here's how the clubs fare on past performances in the NSL. The figures at left are the points gained, out of 40. The figures at right denote average competition point gained per match.

40.00	Sydney City Hakoah	1.42
38.26	Sydney Croatia	1.20
36.52	B'wick Juventus	1.18
36.52	H'berg-Alexander	1.18
33.04	Sth Melb. Hellas	1.16
31.30	Marconi	1.15
29.56	Melbourne Croatia	1.14
27.82	Preston Makedonia	1.06
26.08	Sydney Olympic	1.02
24.34	Adel. City Juventus	.99
24.34	APIA-Leichhardt	.99
20.86	St. Geo. Budapest	.98
19.12	Brisbane Lions	.94
17.38	Inter-Monaro	.91
15.64	Canberra Olympians	.85
15.64	West Adel. Hellas	.85
15.64	Brisbane City	.85
10.42	Blacktown City	.85
8.68	Wollongong	.84
8.68	Green Gully	.84
5.20	Footscray JUST	.82
3.46	Sunshine-Geo. Cross	.78
1.72	Newcastle-Rosebud	.69

And so we would be left with only five places available to the remaining 15 clubs.

Those 15 clubs will fight tooth and nail for positions high up their respective ladder.

The danger is that, with so much importance attached to each game, we may end up with a record number of draws as clubs put the emphasis on avoiding defeat at all costs. Perhaps the league should have introduced a bonus scheme for victories and goals to avoid that danger.

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Points to be gained for crowd support, reducing from the highest total attendance down to the lowest:

10, 9.58, 9.16, 8.74, 8.32, 7.9, 7.48,
7.06, 6.64, 6.22, 5.8, 5.38, 4.96, 4.54,
4.12, 3.7, 3.28, 2.86, 2.44, 2.02, 1.6,
1.18, .76, .42.

Canberra, Newcastle for State League?

The NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs will ask for co-operation from the ACT and Northern NSW Federations so that one team from the NSW State League can be promoted to the NSL automatically from the end of 1987 onwards.

The other team to be promoted each year will be determined by a play-off between the State League champions of Victoria, South Australia and Queensland.

Regardless of what happens when NSL teams are axed to reduce the competition from 24 to 14 teams at the end of 1986, NSW will not relegate teams from its State League to hold its numbers to 12.

NSW Federation president John Constantine said: "If, say, five teams were relegated by the NSL back into our State League, we would not push another five down into lower divisions. I would recommend that we simply increase the size of the State League, for one year at least."

Constantine has proposed, at meetings with Northern NSW and ACT officials, that if Newcastle-Rosebud and Canberra Olympians fail to qualify for the 1987 NSL, they drop down into the NSW State League.

The State League champion would gain automatic entry to the NSL.

If neither Canberra nor Newcastle-Rosebud comes down, it is likely that another team from both the Northern NSW First Division and the ACT League will be invited to join the State League.

Newcastle-Rosebud at present is not affiliated with the Northern NSW Federation, but if this plan is approved, affiliation would be only a formality.

There will be no promotion to the NSWL at the end of this season, but the bottom teams in both the Northern and Southern Divisions will be relegated, without the chance of a reprieve.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



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Arok fascinated by the French



● Frank Arok

Brazil, Argentina, Italy, France and perhaps West Germany are the only teams that have a chance of winning the World Cup, according to Socceroo coach Frank Arok who still is waiting to be reappointed by the ASF.

"Denmark has no hope because its game is based on high speed," he said. "In the heat and altitude of Mexico, you can't play like that."

"It will be walking-pace stuff, with sudden changes of pace, the way Brazil plays."

Arok said that tactically, France would be the only "unusual" team in the World Cup.

"The reason is that France's midfield play can't be compared with that of any other team. Their midfielders play as a block. I can learn from that. They have six or seven touches to get Platini into position. Everyone starts running when they get possession," Arok said it was difficult to accommodate a ball distributor like Platini in Australian teams made up of British players because those players tend to

By LAURIE SCHWAB

resent delivering the ball for someone else to distribute.

He said, however, he did not allow it to be a problem in his teams. "I had Oscar Crino in the Socceroo team, didn't I? And I have Orsagh at St. George."

Arok will be in Mexico for the World Cup, watching mainly the Group C battles between France, Hungary, the USSR and Canada.

He refused to give an opinion about the ASF's delay in reappointing him.

The matter was referred last week to the ASF's World Cup committee which won't meet for a month.

There have been claims that a home and away series against New Zealand will take place this year and that the Socceroo are to play three full internationals in South-East Asia on their way to the annual Ampol Cup fixture against China in Beijing in October, but nothing has been put to the World Cup committee, nor confirmed.

Arok said: "I am not hysterical about the situation. These things are not my problem. They are the ASF's problem."

"I put to them my programme, and my only

interest is to have it endorsed. It includes eight full internationals a year, and a tour of Europe every two years. Until they say yes or no, it is not my privilege to talk about it."

Arok recommended Les Scheinflug for the job of national youth coach.

The most pressing national coaching matter however, concerns the under 16s who play qualifying matches in October against Taiwan, Fiji, Papua-New Guinea and New Zealand for the World Under 16 Championships.

No coach has yet been appointed but Vic Dalgleish, who had charge of the team last year, would have to be the favorite.

The preliminary squad is likely to be chosen from the national under 15 titles in Canberra from May 4 to 10.

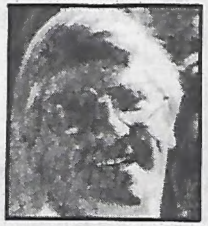
The biggest stumbling block for the Socceroo is lack of money to promote matches.

The ASF is about \$300,000 in debt and ASF Marketing Ltd., the company that promoted international matches over the past two years, owes about \$500,000.

West Nally Ltd of London denied last week that ASF Marketing Ltd. is its Australian arm. West Nally said it was only one of a number of companies that was involved with ASF Marketing Ltd in promoting matches in Australia.



● Michel Platini



● Vic Dalgleish

World Cup count-down: No. 4 — ARGENTINA

Bilardo goes for defence

By PAUL MOON

Argentina's status as one of the World Cup favorites can be attributed to two factors — recognition that the South American teams will have an immense advantage in Mexico and the presence in Argentina's line-up of Diego Maradona.

Yet, the Gauchos have a number of major obstacles to overcome if they are to justify that support.

No fewer than 10 of the 13 who played in a 2-2 draw with Peru which secured qualification for the finals, are now attached to foreign clubs.

Coach Carlos Bilardo has the task of assembling his squad from various corners of Europe and Latin America. Many will not be released until a few weeks before the Mexico tournament begins.

He may well be tempted to consider some of his far-flung personnel expendable and replace them with home-based players. Indeed, Bilardo has stated that only Maradona is assured of selection — a pronouncement which provoked stalwarts Ubaldo Fillol and Daniel Passarella into threatening to declare themselves unavailable unless they too were guaranteed places in Argentina's starting line-up.



● Argentina, from left: Maradona, Fillol, Clausen, Passarella, Trossero, Garro, Barbas, Burruchaga, Valdano, Giusti, Russo.

As the big kick-off approaches, it is likely that these waters will have been smoothed as Fillol and Passarella would surely not forfeit their last opportunities for World Cup glory and Bilardo realises that those remaining in Argentina do not have either the ability or experience to mount a viable challenge in June.

Yet, even should Bilardo field a well-prepared, strongest possible combination, history does not favor the Argentinians.

Equally formidable parties were sent away to the finals of 1958, 1966, 1974 and 1982. Each failed miserably.

The only two tournaments in which Argentina did itself justice — those of 1930 and 1978 — were staged at home.

Although a Spanish-speaking Latin American State, Argentina is unlikely to enjoy the same support as Brazil in Mexico.

The Brazilians' public-relations machinery functions much better and their soccer is designed for mass appeal; certainly more so than Bilardo's defensive-oriented theories (which gained great success with Estudiantes de la Plata, the club he played for and coached).

These remembering with

affection the style of Luis Cesar Menotti's sides will probably be disappointed by the cautious Argentina of 1986, which employs man to man marking and a sweeper.

Daniel Passarella's expeditions upfield, so fruitful in the past, are now severely restricted.

Still, Argentina has Maradona. It also has Fillol, Passarella, Burruchaga, Barbas, Valdano, Gareca and Pasculli, therefore its potential is undeniable.

All the obvious contenders for the World Cup have problems. If Argentina can solve most of them it has an excellent chance of joining Uruguay and West Germany as a double world champion.

POSSIBLE SQUAD. UBALDO FILLOL (Athletic Madrid): A world-class goalkeeper, now 35, who will become the first Argentinian to play at four World Cup finals tournaments should he appear in Mexico. Past clubs include Quilmes, Racing Club, River Plate, Argentinos Juniors and Flamengo (Rio).

NERY PUMPIDO (River Plate): Travelled to Spain as third string, uncapped, goalkeeper in 1982, but was first choice before Fillol's return for World Cup qualifiers last

year. The subject of big-money transfers when moving from Union Sante Fe to Velez Sarsfield (\$800,000) and Velez to River Plate (\$200,000).

LUIS ISIAS (Estudiantes de la Plata): 20-year-old goalkeeper who has a handful of caps to his name. Almost certain to be included in 22-strong party to gain experience, but unlikely to play.

NESTOR CLAUSEN (Independiente): Solid, strong defender who effectively supports attack with forceful diagonal runs. A member of Independiente's team which won the Libertadores Cup and Toyota Cup in 1984 and the less successful Argentine side at the Coca-Cola Cup in Australia three years earlier.

ENZO TROSSERO (Toluca): Steady, veteran (33 years old when finals start) central defender with remarkable goal-scoring record. Excellent in the air, he also possesses a ferocious shot — which is particularly evident when taking free kicks. Won a string of honors at Independiente and is now in Mexico, having been subject of \$100,000 transfer last year. Spent two years with Nantes (France). Travelled to Spain in 1982, as squad member, but was not called upon to play.

DIEGO MARADONA (Naples): The most gifted player in the game today, though development has been retarded somewhat by a petulant temperament, traumas resulting from complex, messy transfers and cynical defenders, he is still capable of being, if not the Pele, then the Cruyff of his generation.

Argentinians Juniors, Boca Juniors and Barcelona were Maradona's previous clubs of this dynamic midfielder. After being omitted when the ultimately triumphant Argentine squad was reduced from 23 to 22 in 1978 and experiencing a nightmare tournament four years later, this could be third time lucky.

MARCELO TROBBIANI (Millonarios): Creative midfielder, who joined the Colombian club from Estudiantes de la Plata as a result of a \$150,000 transfer last year. Earlier employers include Boca Juniors and Real Zaragoza (Spain).

JUAN BARBAS (Leccese): A talented linkman who won winners' medal after the 1979 Coca-Cola Cup final and appeared in the World Cup finals three years later. Originally with Racing Club, he moved to Real Zaragoza in Spain following a \$600,000 transfer in 1982 and three years later joined his present Italian club for \$1,500,000.

RICARDO GIUSTI (Independiente): Busy veteran midfielder who is equally capable in either half of the field. A vital member of the Independiente team which won both the Libertadores Cup and Toyota Cup in 1984.

JOSE VALDANO (Real Madrid): A lanky winger-cum-striker, he migrated to Spain when 19, after a brief stint with Newell's Old Boys in his native country. Joining Second Division Alaves before graduating to Real Zaragoza and Division

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Maradona wants revenge

DIEGO MARADONA will be a marked man at next year's World Cup finals in Mexico. His reputation as the most naturally-talented of present-day footballers has ensured that.

Players lacking even one per cent of his ability will try to tackle, kick and upset him; they will remember how, three years ago in Spain, the young Maradona allowed himself to be angered by some rough tackling in a vital match against Brazil.

His response was to land a kick into the stomach of innocent Brazil substitute Batista, and Maradona was sent off. It was said the Argentine wonderboy could not stand the pressure; that he was too immature; that his supreme ability had made life in football "too easy" for him.

Maradona is now with Italian club Napoli, is still very young.

Here are extracts from an interview.

Does the thought of the pressure and physical punishment you will take at next year's World Cup finals worry you?

"No, for two reasons. First, because — as long as I am not injured — I will make sure that I go to Mexico at my peak in terms of physique and technique. Secondly, I hope that the refereeing will be very different from the standards we saw in Spain in 1982. I believe that in South America players are better protected by referees who are much more severe than Europeans in punishing fouls on forwards. In South America a bad tackle is always a foul. That's not true of Italy and still less is it true of Spain. I am, even so, confident for the refereeing next year."

Your career has also had its ups and downs — notably with regard to the World Cup, hasn't it?

"Yes. In 1978 I was in the squad selected by Cesar Me-



● Diego Maradona — vying with Michel Platini for title of world's No. 1 player.

notti to try to win the World Cup in front of your own fans. There were 25 players in the squad but the rules allowed only 22 for the finals and I was one of the three players left out. I thought my world had come to an end. It was terrible for me."

"Then things did not go well for us in Spain. As I have said, I don't think the referees did us any favours and I admit to having been at fault as well. Now, with Mexico next year, we have a chance to take our revenge. Looking back now I realise that in 1982 I was not really fit enough or strong enough."

Since 1982 Carlos Bilardo has succeeded Menotti as manager of Argentina. How do they compare?

"Menotti benefited from perfect conditions of work when Argentina, under him, won the World Cup at home in 1978. It's very different for Bilardo. He has a new, young team, without much experience — apart from Daniel Passarella in the centre of defence and Ubaldo Fillol in goal. Potentially, Bilardo has in his hands a very great team of the future. Perhaps for the 1986 World Cup. Perhaps for later. I do know that these young players are hungry for success. I told Bilardo that."

Bilardo has appointed you captain of Argentina instead of Passarella, who led Argentina to victory in the 1978 World Cup. Did you ask to be made captain?

"I asked for nothing. When talk started about who should be captain it made no difference to me when it was suggested it should be Fillol or Trossero or any one of the others. Then I read in an Argentine magazine, El Grafico, that Bilardo wanted me to captain the team and I was very proud to accept."

Being realistic, what chance does Argentina have of regaining the World Cup in Mexico?

"At the moment the players need greater self-confidence, greater security about their game. We get on well both on and off the pitch but you can see in the matches that we become too anxious too easily about the way the game may be going."

Are there any players around whom you believe should be a part of Bilardo's plans?

"Yes, Ramon Diaz. He plays for Avellino now in Italy. But he was centre-forward alongside me when we won the World Youth Cup in Japan in 1979 and he and I played together again in the 1982 World Cup in Spain. He has had a lot of bad times and a lot of problems. But I think that Bilardo should be just the man to put him back on his feet."

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BLOOD AND SNOTTERS NOT FOR McLAUGHLIN

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

West Adelaide Hellas recruit Brian McLaughlin played almost 90 games for Glasgow Celtic, at \$200,000 remains Motherwell's record signing and doesn't care much for Jock Wallace's view of how soccer should be played.

"Wallace and I never had eye-to-eye. He was a man who went for the really robust type of player, blood and snotters stuff, and that's not my style," said McLaughlin, an attacking midfielder.

McLaughlin arrived in Adelaide on January 4 this year as part of one of the biggest recruiting campaigns in Australian soccer. Along with Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn and Lou Hristodoulou, McLaughlin is expected to play a major part in Westad's assault on the 1986 Southern Division championship. He arrived here with impressive credentials.

McLaughlin signed schoolboy forms for Celtic when he was 13. His lengthy stay at Parkhead ended when he was swapped for an Ayr United defender. Celtic star Danny McGrain was injured at the time and the late Jock Stein, the Parkhead supremo, was determined to sign a defender.

At Celtic, McLaughlin had started work as a sales representative for the Guinness company, so switching to part-time soccer at Ayr United wasn't as traumatic as most former professionals find the move. But going from a club with boundless ambition to one whose energies solely are directed toward survival wasn't easy. Nevertheless, McLaughlin's two-year stay at Ayr was successful, judging by Motherwell's readiness to dip into its finances in such a big way.

"Ally McLeod was the boss when I joined Motherwell but he was sacked and Davie Hay took over. We won the First Division championship with him but left the next season and Jock Wallace arrived. I couldn't play the way he wanted. It was all defensive stuff, man-to-man all over the place. It got to the stage that you were more concerned with the guy you were marking than with your game," said McLaughlin. "I think you should play to players' strengths. Every player's different and you can't expect them all to be tough, robust types."

At Motherwell, McLaughlin played alongside Steve McLealand, Green Gully's 1985 Player of the Year. He had won the same honor at Motherwell but like McLaughlin found himself on the outer when Wallace took over. McLaughlin and McLealand both signed for Hamilton Academicals on the same day, joining South Melbourne Hellas star Gary McDowell who was then one of the youngest captains in Scottish league football.

McLaughlin was living in Falkirk when he joined the local club in January, 1984, linking up with Brian Brew, now of Brunswick Juventus fame. McLaughlin's transfer fee from Hamilton was \$18,000.

McLaughlin's contract with Falkirk expired in May last year. Brew had phoned him from Australia and told him to come over here, reinforcing the views of Dixie Deans, who had played with Adelaide City a few years earlier. Westad coach Neil McGachey spoke to McLaughlin in Scotland last September, so McLaughlin had few illusions about life in Adelaide.

"The heat was the only real problem. I found it very hard at first," said McLaughlin.

"Since I've been here I've played four friendlies and I've also played in the Ampol Cup. Neil McGachey's a very thorough coach and he's not a bad player either, by the way. I'm not that good defensively so I enjoy being able to go forward and, from what I've seen so far, we've got a fair share here.



LES MURRAY

FIFA is on the verge of an ugly political row that would put our own little factional scuffles to shame.

It's over the 80-year-old controversy concerning the special status of Britain's four "home countries" within world football, and particularly in the World Cup.

It has never been a secret that many member nations of FIFA are peeved that one nation, Great Britain, has such extraordinary status — that it is represented in FIFA with voting powers of four instead of one and that it has four shots at World Cup qualification instead of one (unless of course two or more of the "home countries" are drawn together in the qualifiers).

Even then, with good performances, two of them can qualify from the one group — as did England and Northern Ireland for Mexico.

The word from inside FIFA sources is that the African nations will mount a challenge to the legitimacy of Britain's special status before the 1990 World Cup. With its 42 member nations and the potential sympathy it could count on, particularly from the Third World confederations — Asia, Oceania and Concacaf — Africa could well end up with the numbers it needs.

The likely consequences of such a move, if successful, boggle the mind but among them surely is the possibility of yet another British resignation from FIFA.

Britain's special status, an illogical as it is or at least seems, poses a valid question and members of soccer's younger generation not too familiar with the game's international history are constantly puzzled by it.

Part of the explanation is that Great Britain, or the United Kingdom if you will, is the only sovereign nation on earth without a unifying umbrella organisation representing soccer in that nation, unlike the French FA, the Western German Fussballbund, the Brazilian CBF or the Australian Soccer Federation (although here "unifying" is perhaps not the most accurate description).

Instead, Britain has four sep-

arate associations, each completely independent of the other three and each with a separate affiliation with FIFA. But that clearly is not enough to give Britain extra privileges.

The excellent "Encyclopedia of World Soccer" (by Richard Henshaw and published by New Republic Books, Washington, D.C.) traces FIFA's history with this reference to Britain's status:

"By special arrangement, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have maintained separate membership in FIFA in deference to their unique role in the development of the game and especially in light of their historical control of the International Football Association Board."

Britain's, or actually England's unique role in the de-

doubt whether Ulster's contribution to the game's spread is such that it should give them special status.

Besides, all that is but an argument based on compassion and sympathy, a voluntary need for the world at large to treat soccer's Motherland with special respect. In the cynical realm of soccer's international politics such things don't carry much weight and the argument is hardly likely to impress the Africans.

More important is Britain's historical resistance to being dictated to by FIFA and the key matter of the International Football Association Board.

The IFAB was and remains to this day soccer's lawmaking body. It predates FIFA and indeed it was the threat that FIFA represented to the IFAB which compelled England's refusal to join FIFA when it was founded.

Once assured that the IFAB would not be interfered with, England did join in 1905 and

and kicked FIFA off the IFAB panel.

In 1924 the Brits re-joined but quit FIFA once more in 1928, this time over compensatory expenses paid to players at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics.

This time they stayed out for 22 long years, which is why England was the first British team to play in the World Cup as late as 1950.

Through the passage of time Britain's power on the IFAB has been rejected but it still has more say in legislating over the rules of the game than any other nation.

The IFAB is now composed of one representative from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and four from FIFA. Each representative carries one vote.

The Board meets once every year, always in June with venues rotating between the four British hosts, unless the World Cup final happens to be in June and the FIFA Congress coin-

cidates with them. Then the Board meets at the World Cup venue.

And though any FIFA member nation can propose changes to the laws, the Board has absolute powers in approving or rejecting proposals.

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it has any democratic basis. But back to Africa's looming threat against Britain's four-nation participation (for that would be the point of objection, not Britain's role on the IFAB with which nobody seems to have any militant quarrel).

Africa probably will suggest one of two alternatives:

1. To recognise Britain as one nation rather than a composite of four and allow it just one entrant in the World Cup. And that would either compel Britain to field one combined British team (and what a team that would be) or simply nominate which of its four associations would enter a team.

2. To make it mandatory that with every World Cup, the four British teams are drawn together in the qualifiers with just one winner, ensuring that three of them are eliminated before the finals.

It is from the first alternative that Africa and other third world nations, like Australia, could really benefit.

For making Britain one country would do away with three European nations and make it numerically more arguable that the Third World be given extra allocated places in the finals.

The second alternative would make no difference to the numbers — only to the morality of the thing. It would simply ensure nobody could argue that the Brits have more than one participant, except of course that they would then be guaranteed a place, which is hardly fair either.

Yugoslavia will be watching with undoubted interest any moves to overturn Britain's status.

For most of all it is the Yugoslavs who can feel hard done by when it comes to the whole British question.

Yugoslavia, politically and culturally, is no less a federation of nations than is Britain. Indeed it is more so.



● The emblems of the four British football associations, from left: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland.

velopment of the game is a valid, if entirely compassionate, argument. Even though there has never been any official or organised effort by Britain to spread the soccer gospel, it is undoubted that British settlers triggered the game in almost every country in the world and football would not be the gigantic world game it is today without the work of the British missionaries.

But also benefiting from that argument are the Northern Irish and the Welsh and with the greatest respect I

the other British associations followed in 1910.

All was well for a time. The IFAB, which before FIFA came along, was made up entirely of equal representatives from the four British associations, was left intact, with powers to preside over the laws of the game.

Indeed, as a concession, in 1913 the Brits allowed two FIFA representatives to join the Board.

But in 1920 the British associations, which objected to the FIFA membership of Germany and Austria, resigned again

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Fallon will fall: Drakeford

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Ken Drakeford's debut with Green Gully stunned most people. There was the little midfielder, of whom such fuss had been made, playing, wait for it... at left back!

More shocks were in store, though, as new coach George Murray (ex-Canberra) experimented with centre back Steve McLelland at centre-forward and striker Claude Lucchesi in midfield.

Obviously Murray is looking for answers to the questions in his head. They'll come, no doubt, and Drakeford hopes that he'll figure among the solutions.

George Campbell and Dave Hogben, both injured, are yet to return to the Green Gully side, making it harder for Drakeford to hold his position if he is expected to persevere at left back, where he obviously is uncomfortable.

"I'm a little disappointed at having to play in midfield because if I were in the middle, or on the right side, I could do a much better job for the team," Drakeford said.

"I'm only playing at 70 per cent of my ability where I am."

Drakeford, 28, was heartened however, by being shifted to left midfield for the match against Western Suburbs last week.

That, he hopes, was the turning point.

Asked to pinpoint the reasons for Green Gully's disappointing form so far, Drakeford said: "Maybe we lack a few really classy players, and I think a few are simply out of position."

Of fellow recruit Joe Vizzini, from Broadmeadows, he said:

"He's settling in very well. He's

a good, strong player who's a good marker. I think he'll do a good job for us."

And about Les Carter's comeback after a year's lay-off: "He's a class footballer. He's doing a good job in midfield, but I believe he's really a forward. One of the problems is that when we play it forward, the ball comes back to the midfield just as quickly. The midfielders are a bit scared of going up because of that reason."

Drakeford travelled from England to Australia, to England, to Sweden, back to England, to New Zealand and now back to Australia over an eight-year period starting in 1978.

In New Zealand, he trained with the national squad under Kiwi supremo Kevin Fallon who alienated the Australian Press with his surliness during the World Cup series last year. Fallon actually demanded payment before talking to the Press. Needless to say none would pay him.

And it was because of his attitude that there was much rejoicing among the Press when the Kiwis were beaten soundly by Australia at the Sydney Sports Ground.

"Kevin's a hard man," Drakeford says. "He was a centre half in his day and he liked to kick a few. He's a no-nonsense man. He doesn't like to mess around with the Press. That will be his downfall. If you're in that position, you've got to have personality. You



● Ken Drakeford

have to be prepared to talk to TV, the press and radio and put your country across."

Fallon once said that he wanted Drakeford in the All-White team, but Drakeford missed out by about four months on the three-year residency necessary in order to be naturalised.

He was a reserve player at Wolverhampton Wanderers when South Melbourne Hellas signed him in 1978. Dave McLaren, then the Hellas coach, had been Wolves' goalkeeper and Frank Munro, who

also joined Hellas, had been a Wolves star.

But there were money hassles at Hellas, and when his wife Sue became pregnant, they returned to England. There, after about eight weeks, Drakeford heard from former Hellas centre back Stuart Baxter, who was back in Sweden, playing for Malmö. Baxter said there was a position at Malmö for Drakeford who promptly accepted it.

With Baxter in defence and Drakeford in midfield, Malmö was promoted from the Second to the First Division, but the language barrier eventually caused the Drakefords, with new daughter Stacey, to return to England.

"Exeter City wanted me, but Hellas wanted a \$10,000 transfer fee if I joined a professional club. That was too much, so I went to Worcester City in the Gola League."

While at Worcester, he was approached by a scout asking for New Zealand club Dunedin City, whose star forward Steve Woodin had just left for Australia to join Hellas.

Drakeford was voted best and fairest player in his first season with Dunedin — 1983. He scored seven goals from midfield that year, and four for his next club, Nelson United, which was beaten, by Fallon club, Gisborne, in the final of the Air New Zealand Cup.

His coach at Nelson United was Phil Dando, who had played in goal for Brisbane Lions and Newcastle KB United.

When Dando left Nelson, Drakeford moved on to Manurewa in Auckland where he played alongside All Whites Dave Bright and Steve Sumner.

It was a job transfer that took him to Melbourne late last year.



Andrew Dettre

High among my new year's resolutions was a promise to myself not to criticise, blast, lambast, ridicule, vivisect or otherwise annoy soccer's officialdom. All such attempts in the past, often to the point of libel, have managed to upset only one person. Me.

However, from time to time it may be necessary — well, not necessarily necessary — to express strongly held views on topical issues.

In such cases, I will be using flower language, omitting names and disguising organisations, making it impossible for anyone to recognise living or even half dead persons.

This sample will show you how it can be done.

The president of the — has confirmed his intention to resign after the next campaign. Asked to be more precise, he said: "When the moon's cycle crosses the Neptune and the Saturn's shadow falls on Pratten Park's canteen. That's the date." Naturally relieved to

know, at last, when exactly the great old — will quit, the scramble has already started for succession. To cull down the eligible candidates, the — executives has made a few preconditions. The next president can be of any nationality provided he speaks the same — as Pythagoras and has absolutely — knowledge of the game. To ensure that the elections will be held democratically, the advice of Fernand Marcos, Baby Doc Duvalier and Comrade Gorbachev will be sought.

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The coach of Sydney club —, fire eating — has announced his intention to continue his 30-year war against Sir —. During a four-hour lunch briefly interrupted by an interview, the coach admitted having a better record than Sir Alf Ramsay, Menotti or Bearzot.

He also revealed a plan to build a weekend near the peak of Mt Everest in order to look down on everybody including the sherpas. He said his new club — was the greatest in Australian soccer, much greater than — and — which he had so described earlier, obviously mistakenly.

Burly star defender — has pledged to have a 'quiet season' in 1986, following many years of suspensions and expulsions. "I will have

I'll never knock thingamebob again!

new glasses made," he said, "and that will help. In the past I couldn't see clearly what was — in front of me, so I kicked into it just to be safe." Told that some referees had also accused him of using doubtful language during matches — said: "What a — lie. I'd love to talk to the — of a referee accusing me of this. I'm off being victimised by every — wit of a journo, too. Bring here the — and I'll kick — out of the —." With that he flashed himself a yellow card and departed.

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The — of the Australian — has indicated that the national — could be retained for another four-year term. "We have had discussions," he said, "and — has proved to be a reasonable chap. All he wants is to take charge of the teams from under-4 upwards, a controlling interest in the next papal election and a casting vote in the Security Council. We haven't even talked about money." The national — commented: "I am just an average genius, that's all. I am not asking for the world. Half will do."

LORIMER CIRCUMCISED, PETROL RUNS OUT, AROK DISAPPOINTED

Alon Ben Avraham is the latest star in the ranks of Israeli club Hapoel Haifa. The name means nothing? Then how about former Leeds United and Scotland star Peter Lorimer? They are one and the same.

In his 38th year, Lorimer has ar-

rived in Israel as an immigrant, following his conversion to Judaism by three Rabbis in the United States. Lest anyone think the whole episode is just another ruse to have him registered as a local player under the strict rules governing foreigners in the Israeli National League, consider the following:

Not only did Ben Avraham, alias Lorimer, study his new faith; not only did he undergo the ritual immersion required by Jewish religious law, he also submitted to a "Brit". In other words he complied with the requirement that all Jewish males be circumcised.

Bye, bye Ampol?

The longest-standing sponsor of soccer in Australia, Ampol Petrol, is said to have notified the NSW Soccer Federation of its decision to withdraw endorsement of the pre-season competition after this year's final.

If confirmed, this decision will mean the end of a quarter of a century of Association between this great Australian company and soccer in NSW.

No wonder NSW Federation bigwigs are starting to make noises about revamping the Cup, which has fallen from its former prominence as a premier night competition to a

ragtag, unwieldy and sub-standard mess in recent years. The question is, why wasn't something done years ago?

Pricy Hungarian

Having had little luck in recent years with coach Joe Gobi and midfielder Laszlo Koritar, St George Budapest has still not given up entirely on the idea of establishing a "Hungarian connection".

The latest possibility was the signing of former international Ignac Izso from Vasas Budapest. However, the idea is not likely to come to fruition after the near-veteran stated

his terms of \$500 a match, plus enough in salaries and bonuses to enable him to put aside another \$1000 a month, without having to work at a job outside soccer.

In addition, the Hungarian Football Federation requires another \$35,000 in transfer fees.

Melbourne orgy?

When a member of Israel's national squad, overcome by his extreme right-wing political sentiments, demanded recently that Arab players be excluded from the national side, he elicited an immediate retort from one of his team mates.

That marvellous Bedouin striker, Armeli, told the media that he and his fellow Arab Rifat Turk, were not the ones to lower the dignity of the national representative side. He pointed out that neither of them "chased after strippers or participated in orgies" while the Israelis were in Australia late last year.

Suffice to say that both Armeli and Turk wore the Israeli colors against Scotland a couple of weeks ago, while their critic was unceremoniously tossed out of the squad and suspended by the Israeli FA.

— PETER SCOTT

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● David Azzopardi



● Paul Tzintzis

**West Subs 1
Green Gully 1**
Scorer: Liam McCluskey
38th min.

George Cotsanis emerged as the latest in an array of bright young stars who have helped to light up the Buffalo Gold Cup competition.

The others include:

- David Azzopardi, perhaps not so new a star, but nevertheless still a teenager. Son of former George Cross goalkeeper Eddie Azzopardi, David is a striker with a high work rate, a lot of skill and the courage to mix it.
- Fabio Barichello, the right midfielder who, unfortunately, missed Green Gully's game against Wests due to injury. Star of Gully's 1985 youth team, Barichello has an awesome future if he builds on the natural talent he has shown so far.
- Paul Tzintzis, who gets the chance to establish himself as a top-line forward after missing a season and a half through injury. His ability to beat opponents on the run is exceptional and he has the knack for doing the unexpected.
- Chris Christgeorge, introduced to left back in the Croydon side. Like Palermo, is hungry to get forward, and distributes the ball well.
- Andy Humble who, quite frankly, appears to be wasting his time in the State League. The youngest of the Humble family of Doncaster fame, he is big, tough, fast and deadly around the box. Graham French is a pussycat in comparison.
- Ljubo Barjaktarevic, played sweeper for Footscray JUST before Vojislav Vukcevic arrived. He's a fierce tackler who spreads himself the breadth of the defence to keep opponents at bay, and he also passes with a high degree of accuracy. I was impressed with him the first time I saw him in JUST's youth team, and I hope a place will be found for him by coach Drago Sekularac.
- Pat Marama, Juventus goalkeeper. Forget his mistake which gave Robert Markovaca

**Man of
the match:
STEVE DIMOVSKI
(West Subs)**



● Steve Dimovski

goal in the game against Croatia. Earlier, his superior reflexes had saved Juventus from greater embarrassment. The boy has talent.

And so Cotsanis of Western Suburbs joins the list.

Some of the things he did to Green Gully were quite breathtaking from a Western Suburbs point of view and embarrassing if you were a Green Gully supporter.

He turned past opponents at will. He even teased them!

A perfect crossfield pass to Alex Koutouris in the open on the right stands out in the memory. Luckily for Gully, Jim Murray dropped back and quickly closed Koutouris down, forcing him to shoot wide.

In the 55th minute, on a square pass from Liam McCluskey, Cotsanis dived, then out behind Joe Vizzini, into the open and came within a whisker of scoring with his near-post shot.

Wests' victory was remarkable.

Their 1-0 win against Hellas has been sensational enough, but this time, Wests achieved glory despite the absence of seven senior players!

George Beattie, Jed Stenson and Bobby McGuinness were suspended because all three had been sent off in that 0-3 loss to Morwell Falcons. Darren Tuck was away in New Zealand. Steve Kakantonis and George Lekkas were injured; Nick Apostolidis, whom Yarraville is trying to sign, was on the bench.

Coach Jim Condilis put Billy Hamill on Paul Lewis, Mike Kagioglou on Claude Lucchesi and Brendan Farmer, who had come out of retirement, onto Tommy Cumming.

Steve Dimovski swept up behind them, and Andy Exposito swept up in front of them.

It was a vice-like grip which Green Gully could not break, despite some nice lead-up play by Les Carter.

Lewis, Lucchesi and Cumming had their chances to score, but they wasted them.

Farmer was the first to shoot at goal, only to be foiled by Green Gully 'keeper Lou Denys.

Then Carter, after a fine one-two with Lucchesi through the middle, delivered a brilliant pass to Gordon Flavell in the clear on the left but Flavell lost control of the ball. The half ended with Lewis first-timing a cross from Cumming past the post from two metres!

Luciano Trani, signed from the Juventus youth team, replaced Koutouris at half time, while Darren Pace came on for injured Ken Drakeford.

Within three minutes of resumption, Liam McCluskey, signed recently from Geelong, finished off a crisp passing movement with a hard, low drive past Denys for what was to be the winning goal.

Green Gully fought back and Farmer almost scored an own goal when he headed a cross from Cumming.

Vizzini, up for a corner, headed down to the feet of Lucchesi, who, in the end, shot wide at close range.

And, so it continued, until the curtain came down with Cumming missing from inside the penalty area.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



● Ljubo Barjaktarevic of Footscray JUST slide-tackles Mark Lennon of George Cross.

Melbourne aims to visit China

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Melbourne-Hungaria hopes to link with China in October.

Tianjin and Melbourne have, for the purposes of Australian-Chinese trade and friendship, considered themselves sister cities for many years.

There have been cultural and commercial exchanges between them, and now Melbourne-Hungaria wants to strengthen the friendship through soccer.

Club secretary Steve Hargitay said his team hoped to play two games against Tianjin on an eight or 10-day visit in October. He added the Melbourne

City Council was enthusiastic about the proposed visit and had agreed to support the club administratively. Grants now would be sought from the State and federal governments to help finance the trip.

"We also will seek corporate sponsorship," Hargitay said, "because without it, we would not be able to afford it. We estimate we'll need between \$60,000 and \$70,000."

"But it will be the first time in the history of our club that we will use the name Melbourne to advantage."

Melbourne, newly-promoted back to the State League, was Australia's No.1 club in 1987, when it beat APIA 4-3 in the Australia Cup final, with Attila Abonyi scoring a hat-trick.

Under Pat Bannon, who again is the player-coach, Melbourne will be joined soon by two imports from England — Tony Adamson, 22, a midfielder from the Southern Premier League, and Robert Morrey, 25, a



● Kevin Swinscoe

burly striker from South Liverpool, the club that produced Melbourne's captain, John Bird.

Robert Morrey is the younger brother of Bill Morrey, the former Green Gully striker, now coach of Sandringham City.

Kevin Swinscoe, ex-Frankston City, Juventus Pioneer (Tas) and Brunswick-Juventus, also is training with Melbourne, which is hagling over his \$4000 transfer fee.

Danny Ward, 1985 Victorian First Division Player of the Year, will remain with Melbourne, according to Steve Hargitay, even though he had a short training stint with Footscray JUST.

Victorian League Cup

The draw for the Preliminary Round of the Victorian League Cup to be played on Saturday March 1, from 3pm: Springvale United V Yarraville, Doveton V Sandringham City, Ballarat V Port Melbourne, Nunawading City V Lalor United, Clifton Hill V North Geelong, Mornington V Werribee, Doncaster V Albion Turk Guernsey, Ringwood United V Moreland Park Rangers, Mooroolbark V Sunbury United, South Melbourne Mordialloc V Rosanna, Langwarrin V Boronia, Yallourn V Hawthorn, Keilor Austria V Moorabbin, Geelong V Altona Gate, Altona City V East Brunswick, Hamlyn Rangers V Waverley City.

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Revenge is sweet, despite that miss

**Man of the match:
PHIL TRAIANEDES
(Makedonia)**

**Makedonia 0
Croydon 0**

Peter Ollerton, Alex Livingstone and Steve Beech had every reason to smile when 1985 Victorian State League champion Croydon drew 0-0 with Preston Makedonia. And Croydon should have won!

It didn't, largely due to the amazing reflexes and handling of Phil Traianedes, who continues his development as one of the most exciting young goalkeepers in the land.

Graham French, leading scorer in State League last year and one of the most experienced strikers around, also played a part in Croydon's failure to win.

In the 27th minute, Mike McLennan tripped Andy Humble inside the Makedonia area. Referee Evan Venios awarded a penalty and French, after a long run-up, slammed his attempt wide.

Nevertheless, Croydon coach Ollerton, left winger Livingstone and midfielder Beech must have been pleased to at least slightly embarrass their former club. All virtually were



● Croydon, back row: Ian Marshall, Andy Humble, Roy O'Shea, Keith Waterman, Peter Blasby, Jim MacLean, Graham French, Jim O'Reilly. Front: Andrew Allan, Mark Brown, Kenny Taylor, Matt McDonald, Steve Beech, Greg Christgeorge, Alex Livingstone. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

dumped by Makedonia.

Ollerton's tactics worked like a charm. He used a 5-2-3 formation. Kenny Taylor was sweeping, with the four in front of him given specific marking jobs. Jim MacLean and Beech were in midfield. French played as a central striker with Humble and Livingstone out wide. Livingstone stayed wide throughout the match whereas Humble, when he wasn't tormenting McLennan on the right, came inside trying to play off French.

Humble and French had the best chances of the first half (excluding the penalty). In the 13th minute, Humble turned McLennan inside out but shot wide from just eight metres. In the 19th minute, Traianedes made a world class save.

The ball was played across the Makedonia goal from the left to the incoming French at the far post. French was just two metres out and struck the ball first time. Goodness knows how Traianedes found time to react but react he did. Brili-

antly. He tipped the ball skywards and McLennan headed it out for a corner.

Makedonia's best first half chance fell to Gary Cole. George Petrov played a superb through ball into Cole's path but the big striker's low, first time shot was saved comfortably by Peter Blasby.

In the second half, young Paul Koussias shielded the ball well on the left. He laid it into the path of Nick van Egmond whose cross was headed just wide by Cole.

That never worried Croydon which stuck to its task in style. Livingstone was a constant menace on the wing while Sean Lane, one of Makedonia's main avenues to goal, was well held.

The refereeing did little to enhance the spectacle which became a stop-start affair throughout the second half in particular. Venios booked five players during this period and awarded many free kicks.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Quy seeks players

Ted Quy has been appointed coach of Waverley Wanderers for the team's debut season in the Amateur League.

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BAD DAY FOR THE BROWNS

Juventus 0 SM-Hellas 0
Brian Brown and Doug Brown both found themselves on the outer in a bruising, brawling encounter which did little to advertise Australian soccer but showed just how well-organised Juventus is.

Brian Brown decked John Kanesoulis in the 3rd minute and was booked, repeated the dose on Vlado Bozinski in the 6th minute and was sent off.

Doug Brown viewed the entire spectacle from what turned out to be the safety of the Hellas bench and his future with the club is uncertain. Brown was transferred last year, taken off the transfer list when John Margaritis replaced Len

McKendry as coach yet now seems to be back out in the cold, a strange twist to a sometimes controversial career.

Vlado Bozinski was cast in the role of Charlie Egan's partner but Bozinski never looked comfortable.

As for Juventus, it didn't make a great deal of difference when it was reduced to 10 men. Brian Wade dropped back to sweeper and handled his defensive duties with the aplomb of a veteran libero, taking time out to go forward as the situation demanded.

I've known for some time that Peter Lewis is a great player. I didn't know just how good young Mehmet Durakovic was. I know now. He bores in fearlessly for the ball, matching his bravery with tremendous timing and even under pressure

Man of the match:
PETER LEWIS
(Juventus)

shows signs of being able to dispose of the ball well.

The first half hour of this game degenerated into a far too physical contest rather than the showpiece of the Buffalo Cup to date which was hoped for.

Mike Petersen swung punches and a boot at Carl Halford early in the match, more the pity, for Petersen is far too gifted to indulge in such rubbish.

When players decided to try and play a bit, it was Juventus which went closest to opening the scoring. In the 23rd minute, Joe Sweeney headed on and although Fab Incantalupo did well to hold off Steve Blair, Incantalupo's hurried shot from four metres sent the ball sailing over the bar.

John Kanesoulis, Gary McDowell and Halford combined well down the right in the 31st minute. Halford drove the ball in, it was deflected, but Pat Marrama, reacting in an instant, stuck out a leg to clear superbly.

Egan was put through by Kanesoulis in the 45th minute only to shoot wide of the far post from 12 metres and four minutes later Peter Laumets did well to get down and save a low drive by Sweeney.

In the 50th minute Wade slid in, won the ball from Halford, then knocked it into Sweeney's path. Laumets came off his line and was well beaten by Sweeney's angled shot but the ball skimmed the far post.

In the 56th minute, Petersen's long throw-in from the right was headed on by Sweeney to Incantalupo who headed over from four metres.

Two minutes later, with Bozinski flat on his back after tangling with Marrama, Hellas's appeals for a penalty fell on deaf ears.

Kanesoulis turned well past a defender on the right and hammered the ball low into the area. Egan was at the near post and hit it first time but the ball struck Marrama on the leg and went out for a corner.

McDowell volleyed well over after Cullen failed to control the ball inside the Juventus area in the 66th minute.

The Juventus players were cheered off the ground by their fans in the grandstand. Hellas fans were strangely quiet.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



• Gary Ward indicates his three goals against Morwell Falcons.

Ward doubt

Gary Ward, the leading scorer in the Buffalo Cup, is yet to be offered a contract by Melbourne Croatia for 1986 and has a \$7,500 maximum transfer fee on his head.

Not that Ward is up for grabs, but Croatia seems unusually reluctant to offer its leading scorer terms, a situation which is hard to fathom.

Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg speaks in glowing terms of Ward's scoring ability. Croatia fans likewise.

"I don't really know where I stand," said Ward last weekend.

"I feel like I'm going to get back among the goals in a big way and I've been treated really well by Croatia. I left Juventus and they went on to win the championship and I really think that Croatia is in with a great chance of winning it this year. I don't want to make the same mistake twice. I'm happy here, I feel I can do a job for Croatia, but no-one has offered me terms so far."

DIMOVSKI LEADS

Steve Dimovski of Western Suburbs has a slender lead in the voting for the best player award in the Buffalo Cup while Croatia striker Gary Ward is outright top scorer.

Three journalists vote on a 3-2-1 basis after each Buffalo Cup match. The votes are tallied and a final three players are awarded votes. In the case of a tie, players share votes.

The leaders in the best player voting are:

- 55 — Dimovski (WS)
- 5 — Marley, Tsolakis (Heid), Peter Lewis (Juve)
- 45 — Lane (Mak), Tapai (J.U.S.T.), Markovic (Croat)
- 4 — Campbell (Geo Cross), Bruns, Train (Morw)
- 35 — Cole (Mak), M. Brown (Croy), Hannah (Croat)
- Leading goalscorers:
- 6 — Ward (Croat)
- 4 — Markovic (Croat)
- 3 — Cole (Mak), Griffin (Croy)
- Parton (Geo. Cross), Paul Lewis (GG), McDowell (SMH)

DOCKERTY CUP

RINGWOOD UTD 0 NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Greenwald 96th, Mullett 98th, Ricoh Dockerty Cup match at Quambee Reserve, Ringwood on Saturday)

RINGWOOD UTD: Schille, Gilmour, Hall, Demir, Nelson (Lakic), Sedlarevic, Popovic, Djuric, Jevtic (Bosancic), Haupt, Erdog.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjer, Brown, Chiaravalle, Deane, McCombe, Nellis, Mullett, Middleman (Greenwald 60th), Hurstons, Moyle, Roggero.

Nunawading started to get on top of its opponent in the last 15 minutes of normal time, and extra time could have seen five or six goals scored as Nunawading camped in the Ringwood half.

The deadlock was broken in the 96th minute when Greenwald latched on to a forward pass, rounded a defender and comprehensively beat Schille.

Two minutes later, Mullett intercepted a bad back pass, rounded the keeper and put the result beyond doubt.

Last weekend's Ricoh Dockerty Cup results:

Mornington 0 Clarinda 3, Prahran 1 Corio 2, Clifton

Hill 3 Prahran Celtic 1 after extra time, Ballarat 1 North Dandenong 2, Langwarrin 0 West Brunswick 1, Rosanna 1 Werribee 3, Moreland 2 Altona City 1 after extra time, Yarraville 2 Traralgon Olympians 1, Port Melbourne 0 Altona Gate 3, Geelong 1 East Brunswick 4, Moorabbin 1 Hawthorn 2, Ringwood United 0 Nunawading City 2, Waverley 4 Boronia 0, Lecco Holdings 1 Essendon Triestina 4, SM-Mordale 1 Dandenong City 4.

This Saturday's Ricoh Dockerty Cup matches, kicking off at 3pm on grounds of first named club.

Corio v Yarraville, Doveton v Yallourn, Waverley City v Dandenong City, Moorabbin v Moreland Park Rangers, East Brunswick v Clarinda, Essendon Triestina v Altona Gate, North Dandenong v Hamlyn Rangers, West Brunswick v Sandringham, Clifton Hill v Doncaster Rovers, Keysborough v Oakleigh, Holland Park v Nunawading City, Kellor Austria v Bulleen, Springvale United v Clarinda.

GOJEVIC, WARD TURN IT ON!

Croatia 6 Morwell F. 0

Scorers: Ward 11th, 33rd & 51st; Campbell 41st; Markovic 58th; Biskic 68th.

Steve Gojevic and Gary Ward gave us the finest performances of the Buffalo Gold Cup so far as Croatia gave us a taste of things to come in thrashing Morwell Falcons by the biggest score of the competition.

It's been a long time since a team has made so big an impression so early in the year.

There's not a single weak position in the Croatia team, while Mirko Runje, Robert Markovic, Tony Corcio and Suleiman Curovic who were on the bench, all could play in any NSL senior team.

Such was the dominance of Gojevic and Ward that they virtually beat Falcons on their own. With those two straddling Olympic Park like Colossuses, coach Miron Bleiberg again took the opportunity to keep his reserves in trim. Markovic and Curovic replaced Jim Campbell and Luka Bonacic after 45 minutes, while Goran Troglivic came on for Drago Deankovic 11 minutes from the end.

With Graham Tuillit out injured, Jim Train switched from left back to the Sweeper's position but both he and Emil Bruns were brushed aside by Ward.

The blond striker scored the first of his three goals with a header from a corner by Bonacic in the 11th minute.

Jim Campbell, well and truly rid of his 1985 horrors, contrived to show the form that made him a Soccerer a few years ago.

Meanwhile, Gojevic, operating on the left, went down the touchline and squared the ball behind the square defence. Ward ran through onto it, stepped, waited and placed a low shot perfectly past goalkeeper Romeo Prezioso for goal No. 2.

Croatia's ball play and first-time passing were nothing short of breathtaking. After a

Man of the match:
STEVE GOJEVIC
(Melb Croatia)

half-time break at 2-0, it took only six minutes to increase that score.

Gojevic, in the left-hand corner, played the ball square into the middle where Ward flicked it on first-time for Campbell who was coming through to Ward's right and Campbell, unmarked, scored easily.

Gojevic went from the left to central midfield after Bonacic and Campbell had gone off, and he got even better there. It is coach Bleiberg's intention to try to use Gojevic in the middle for the NSL season.

Biskic crossed in the 51st minute and although Ward's first shot was blocked by Dominic Palermo, the ball was played back to him by Curovic and this time Ward made no mistake.

In the 58th minute, Gojevic's pass sent Markovic away towards goal, and he beat Prezioso with a low shot that made it 5-0.

The next goal started with Biskic zooming towards goal. Markovic and Troglivic joined in, giving Croatia three against only one Morwell opponent. It ended with Markovic passing to Biskic who put in goal No. 2.

Croatia, make no mistake, is poised for greatness.

It remains to be seen whether the club can handle it, whether it has the capacity for greatness or whether it will self-destruct again, as it has in the past.

Personality differences have to be sorted out.

And it must be made crystal clear by the men at the top that Miron Bleiberg coaches the senior team, and Luka Bonacic the youth side. Bonacic is a great player. He is a mature man. I am sure that as a football professional he can accept that situation.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.

Match details

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 CROYDON 0. Crowd: 2,000. Referee: Evan Venios 5. Cautions: Lane, McLennan (PM); McDonald, French, Christgeorge (Croy).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trainees 8 — 1. Roodhouse 6 (in). Mirovski 48th. Dobson 7. Opatin 7. McLennan 5 — Petrov 6. Piculovski 5 (Brian 52nd) — van Egmond 6. Cole 7. Lane 6. P. Koussas 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

CROYDON: Bassy 7. Taylor 7 — McDonald 8. Brown 8. O'Reilly 7. Christgeorge 8 — McLean 7. Beech 7 — A. Humble 8. French 6. Livingston 8. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (McCluskey 38th) GREEN GULLY 0. Referee: Bernie Upjohn 7. Cautions: Farmer (WS).

WESTERN SUBURBS: Cric 7 — Dimovski 9 — Hamill 7. Kagioglou 7. Farmer 7 — Espósito 7 — Kountouri 5 (Tram 5, half time). Smallman 5 — McCluskey 7. Condilis 6. Cotsanis 8. Coach: Jim Condilis.

GREEN GULLY: Denis 6. Vizzini 7. McLelland 6. Cannell 6. Murray 6 — Carter 7 — Flavell 5. Drakeford 4 (Pace 4, half time) — Cumming 6. Lucchesi 7. Lewis 5. Coach: George Murray.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 6 (Ward 11th, 33rd & 51st; Campbell 41st; Markovic 58th; Biskic 68th) MORWELL FALCONS 0. Referee: Evan Venios 9.

CROATIA: Govic 6 — Deakovic 7 (Traglic 59th). McIntosh 9. Redmond 7. Hannah 7 — Campbell 8 (Markovic 45th). Bonacic 8 (Curovic 45th). Gojevic 10. Cristallo 7 — Biskic 8. Ward 10. Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 2 — Palermo 2. Bruns 3. Train 3. M. Cassar 2 (Orane 68th) — J. van Baar 4. O'Callaghan 4. Sostak 2. Lee 5 (7th). E. Cassar 2 — A. Cassar 2. Wilson 4. Coach: Dave O'Connor.

BOX HILL 2 (Griffin 20th & 58th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 0. Referee: Bernie Upjohn 8. Cautions: McPhee (BH).

BOX HILL: McKinnay 5 — McPhee 5. McMillan 6. Brooks 7. A. Roodhouse 6 (in). sub Davidson 42nd. Hennessy 5. Ramsus 4 — Griffin 7. Lawler 4. Coach: Keith Webster.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikolic 5. Petrovski 5. Vukovic 3. Kanic 5. R. Banjakovic 4 — M. (Obak 5, 23rd). Belic 3. Tapai 6. Lazaropoulos 3 (Pasoski 42nd). Latif 5. Lucic 7 (Djivic 67th). Coach: Dragoslav Sekularic.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Salemidis 45th) GEORGE CROSS 0. Crowd: about 2,000. Referee: Stuart Mellings 6. Cautions: Marley (Heid); Campbell (GC). Sent off: Bain 36th (GC).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — McKie 8. Christopoulos 7. Hunter 7. Marley 7 — Salemidis 7. Katsakidis 6. Tasios 6 — Tzimtzis 6. Maras 6. Tsolakis 9. Coach: Brian Garvey.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7 — Taylor 6. James 7. Parton 7. Campbell 7 — Faulkner 6. MacLaren 7. Bain 7 (sent off 36th) — Mitten (Chetcuti 57th). Gilder 6. Lennon 6 (Toat 53rd). Coach: John Gardiner.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0. Crowd: about 2,500. Referee: Chris Bambridge 8. Cautions: B. Brown, Incantalupo (BJ). Sent off: B. Brown 6th (BJ).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 7. Anzakis 7. Blair 7. Postecoglou 7 — Kanesoulis 7. Halford 6. McDowell 6. Murphy 6 — Egan 6. Bozinski 5. Petrovski 5. Coach: John Margaritis.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama 8 — Durakovic 8. Peter Lewis 8. B. Brown (sent off 6th). Campbell 7 — Cullen 7. Petersen 7. Wade 8. Minichello 5 — Sweeney 7. Incantalupo 5. Coach: Len McKendry.

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROATIA	4	0	0	13	3	8
JUVENTUS	2	1	1	3	2	5
WEST SUBURBS	2	0	2	2	5	4
MORWELL FALC.	1	1	2	3	7	3
GREEN GULLY	0	2	2	3	5	2
SM-HELLAS	0	2	2	2	4	2

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MAKEDONIA	2	2	0	4	1	6
HEIDELBERG	2	2	0	6	4	6
GEORGE CROSS	2	2	0	5	4	4
BOX HILL	2	0	2	3	3	4
CROYDON	1	1	2	3	6	3
J.U.S.T.	0	1	3	2	6	1

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Ron Campbell to face the Cross?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Preston Makedonia may spring a surprise and play newcomer Ron Campbell from West Perth Macedonia in Saturday's vital Buffalo Cup clash with George Cross.

Makedonia is expected to welcome another star midfielder, Mile Niceski from Pelister in Yugoslavia, on the day of this game but it's unlikely that Niceski will line-up.

A semi-final berth is at stake when Makedonia and George Cross clash. A draw will put Makedonia into the semis while a win is a must for George Cross.

Makedonia striker Steve Smith still is sidelined due to injury so it's likely that Gary Cole and Sean Lane will be left up front to do battle with George Cross defenders Tyrone James and Shaun Parson.

Campbell, 1985 West Australian Rothmans Medal winner, was due to arrive in Melbourne today (Wednesday).

Graham Heys still is injured but right back Ian Roadhouse should be fit to face George Cross. That would leave us with the Makedonia back four looking like this: Roadhouse, Ian Dobson, Con Opasins and Mike McLennan.

If Campbell plays then youngster Paul Koussas could be omitted. Koussas has done fairly well in a filling-in role to date however Makedonia hasn't paid \$4,000 for Campbell's transfer fee then flows him to Melbourne for nothing. Makedonia trains tonight (Wednesday) and tomorrow in preparation for this clash so coach Bill Murray will get a chance to assess Campbell's fitness.

George Cross will be without midfielder Roger Bala, sent off against Heidelberg last Friday night.

Steve Richardson is back after being stranded in Scotland with visa problems, so coach John Gardiner can use Richardson and Parson to tag Cole and Lane with James as sweeper.

The first game on Saturday, between Croatia and Western Suburbs should put paid to Suburbs' faint hopes of reaching the semis, even though Bobby McGuinness, Jed Stenson, George Beattie, George Lekkas, Steve Kakantonis and perhaps Darren Tuck will be available.

The programme

WEDNESDAY, February 19: 1st GAME:

Footscray JUST v Cro-

don City, 2nd GAME:

Juventus v Green Gully.

FRIDAY, February 21:

1st GAME: Heidelberg

Alexander v Box Hill,

2nd GAME: South Mel-

bourne Hellas v Mor-

well Falcons.

SATURDAY, Febru-

ary 22: 1st GAME: Mel-

bourne Croatia v

Western Suburbs, 2nd

GAME: Makedonia v

Sunshine George Cross.

SATURDAY, March

1: Semi Finals.

SATURDAY, March

8: Final.

Juventus needs only a draw against Green Gully tonight (Wednesday) in the second game at Olympic Park to secure a semi-final berth and the black and whites are more than capable of doing so.

Brian Brown is suspended after being sent off against Hellas but if John Dowle can shrug off his injury problems he'll come straight into the side as sweeper, with big Peter Lewis taking over as stopper. If Dowle is unavailable, Paul Wade, who played so well once switched to sweeper against Hellas, probably will keep that spot. That would leave an opening for Joe Palastides who may come into midfield. Mehmet Durakovic played too well against Hellas to lose the right back position.

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Crocydon clash in the first game tonight. The result is of no consequence in the Buffalo Cup but another embarrassing loss for J.U.S.T. would intensify the head-aches coach Dragoslav Sekularac incurred as he watched his team go down 6-2 to Box Hill last weekend.

Box Hill striker Phil Griffin looks set to make his mark on State League this season as Heidelberg defenders Alan Hunter and George Christopoulos will be kept on their toes throughout Friday night's clash.

The second game on Friday pits Hellas against Morwell Falcons and gives Charlie Egan the chance to push himself up the goalscorers' list in the Buffalo Cup. Hellas will win, provided its players don't think that they merely have to step onto the Olympic Park turf to get a result.



Heidelberg's Jeff Olver and Alan Hunter combine to foil Noel Mitten (centre) of George Cross.

Bain's baffled

Heidelberg 1
George Cross 0

Scorer: Solemidis 45th

Roger Bain's sending

off in the 36th minute was

couched in controversy as

far as the George Cross

camp was concerned but

the crucial part of this

contest was the opening

20 minutes in which

George Cross dominated

but failed to finish, much

to its regret by the

match's end.

Steve Richardson finally

had waded through immigra-

tion department red tape, em-

erging back in Australia last

Thursday, but George Cross

coach John Gardiner decided

to put Richardson on the

bench.

In the 18th minute Jeff

Faulkner motored past three

opponents on the right and

dove the ball across goal. It

fell to Mark Lennon, who kept

his cool and placed a low shot

past Olver only to watch in dis-

may as George Christopoulos

slid down on the line and

cleared.

Had John Metaxas been a

touch sharper, he would have

given Heidelberg the lead in

the 31st minute. Lou Kastner

Man of
the match:

IAN MCKIE

(Heidelberg)

and referee Stuart Mellings immediately pulled out the red card.

"I couldn't believe it. The ball got tangled between me and Ian McKie and I took a kick at it," said Bain after the match — sentiments echoed by his team mates.

The second half belonged to Heidelberg.

In the 41st minute, Steve Ta-

sios cut inside Chris Taylor on

the left, but Kastner got down

well to cover Tasios's low

drive. A minute later Chris

Ketsakidis, playing in a central

midfield role, volleyed over

from inside the George Cross

area.

The breakthrough came in

slightly fortunate circum-

stances for Heidelberg. In the

45th minute, McKie made a

great break down the right. He

hammered a firm shot which

Kastner did well to parry but,

in doing so, he diverted the ball

across Chris Taylor who stuck

out a foot, only succeeding in

teeing it up for Theo Selemidis,

who had no trouble slamming

it in from five metres.

Maclaren could have levelled

it in the 55th minute but

miscued his volley.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

J.U.S.T. midfield in a muddle!

Box Hill 1

Footscray JUST 0

Goals: Griffin, 20th &

58th.

Footscray J.U.S.T.

coach Dragoslav Seku-

larac has a lot of prob-

lems to solve, but the

most pressing is to

strengthen his midfield.

One step towards solving

this problem would be to

shift Zdravko Lujic from the

left wing to central midfield

from where he could supply

creative passes and also

break through for shots at

goal.

He is, apart from imports

Vojislav Vukcevic and Zoran

Nikitovic, the most experi-

enced player in the team.

Another with experience is

Ljube Petrovski, bought

from Makedonia, but with

enormous problems exist-

ing also in the defence, Pe-

trovski is required in that

department, at least for the

time being.

Sekularac has been train-

ing his players ruthlessly, to

get them ready for the NSL

season. Perhaps it was a

combination of the heat and

tiredness from the training

schedule that caused the pit-

iful performance against Box

Hill.

What J.U.S.T. cannot es-

cape is that it will qualify for

the 1987 14-team NSL only if

it finishes at least in the top

five this season. And with the

team that took the field

against Box Hill, that simply

is not possible.

Vlado Stolic has yet to

come into the side, once his

clearance arrives from Red

Star Belgrade.

He is a striker who needs

the right type of passes

from midfield to do any

damage. That also applies

to Ossie Latif and especial-

ly to Bill Lazopoulos who

needs service that is aimed

at utilising his speed.

They also need at least one

midfield mobile and fast

enough to support them

quickly when the ball is

played forward.

Box Hill, meanwhile, has

little to fear from the 1986

State League season, follow-

ing successive victories over

State League opponents

JUST and George Cross.

Phil Griffin has shown ex-

ceptional goal-poaching ab-

ility in notching three in two

games, while David Azzo-

pardi is getting better out

Man of
the match
PHIL GRIFFIN
(Box Hill)

wide. He was beating oppo-

nents at will against JUST.

Box Hill's defence, led cap-

ably by David Brooks, re-

pelled two promising JUST

attacks before taking the

lead.

Griffin shot Box Hill into

the lead following a corner in

the 20th minute.

Sekularac, in an attempt to

strengthen the midfield, took

off young Zoran Milic, sent

Marino Oblak in at right

back and released Petrovski

to a midfield position.

Sekularac must have

blasted the roof off the

dressing room at half time,

for J.U.S.T. came out look-

ing for blood.

Lujic broke through the

offside trap, skipped past

goalkeeper McKinlay, but hit

the bottom of the post with

his shot.

Vukcevic, having wander-

ed upfield, controlled the

ball on the penalty spot, and,

unmarked, looked certain to

score. His shot, however,

missed the goal altogether.

Sekularac reacted by mak-

ing another change. He took

off Lazopoulos, who was hav-

ing a poor game, moved Be-

lic from midfield to attack,

and brought Zoran Pasoski

into the midfield. At the

same time, Box Hill coach

Keith Webster replaced mid-

fielder Barry Burton with

Andy Hughes.

Goalkeeper McKinlay

gave JUST the perfect scor-

ing chance in the 52nd min-

ute. He had control of the

ball, but then dropped it at

the feet of Latif who missed

with his shot!

JUST then fell further

behind.

Vukcevic failed with a

challenge on Pedro Ramos

out on the left touchline. Ra-

mos speared a through ball

through the middle for Griffin

to chase. Goalkeeper Ni-

kitovic stormed out of his

penalty area to intercept, but

he was too late. Caught in no-

man's land, he was beaten

easily by Griffin's lob into

the empty net.

LAURIE SCHWAB



Mooolbark, 1976, from left, standing, Mal Jones, Geoff Philips, (officials), Archie Campbell (coach), Graham French, Ian Williamson, Peter Vaughan, Lou Ivanoff, Barry O'Toole, Andrew Devissor, Derek Bailey (official), Mick Clarey, Tony Van Der Plaeg (official), Tom Bailey (president). Front row: Mick Sinclair, Mel Hayworth, Paul Ontong, Dave Rigby, Joe Tront, Mick Shuttleworth, Alan Pongho, Brian Thom.

Old Barkers reunite

It's quiz time!
Which club com-
prised the follow-
ing players:

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clair, Derek Bailey,

Geoff Ontong, Alan

Pongho, Peter Vaughan,

Joe Tront, Mel Hayward,

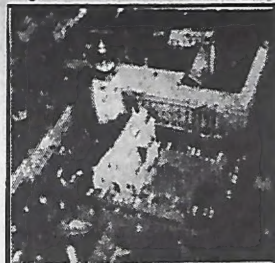
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Priestley, Dave Ellis,

Mike Clarey, Max Irwin,

Paul Ontong, Paul Wild-

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FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T., from left, standing: Zdravko Lujic, Zoran Nikitovic, Rade Barjaktarevic, Marino Oblak, Vlatko Belic, Vlado Stosic, Zoran Vlajnic, Vojislav Vukcevic, Tom Karic. Front: Sasa Milic, Goran Nedelkovski, Bill Lazopoulos, Ljube Petrovski, Ernie Tapai, Ossie Latif, Ljubo Barjaktarevic. Picture: LES SHORROCK

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● Coach Drago Sekularac (second from right), striker Vlado Stosic (left), goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic (right) and defender Vojislav Vukcevic are the men expected to make Footscray J.U.S.T. mighty in 1986 as "Plavi" (the Blues) try to recapture former glory.

Sekularac, 49, is one of the greats of Yugoslav soccer and was one of the most entertaining players in the world in the 1950s and 1960s. He scored eight goals for Yugoslavia and 156 for the great Red Star Belgrade. He played in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics in Melbourne and Rome and the 1958 and 1962 World Cups in Sweden and Chile. He recently coached Guatemala to the threshold of this year's World Cup finals in Mexico.

Stosic, 21, is from Red Star Belgrade and has played 10 games for the Yugoslav national under 18 team. He is described by Sekularac as "a top talent."

Nikitovic, 28, has played for Sutjeska Niksic, Partizan, Belgrade, Buducnost and Napredak. He has played 24 times for the Yugoslav youth team and eight times for the junior selection.

Vukcevic, 29, had nine seasons with Buducnost, the latter few as captain. He played for New York Cosmos in 1984 and Malmoe in Sweden last year.

HOME

- Round 1, March 30: v. Brisb Lions
- Round 3, April 13: v. SM-Hellas
- Round 5, May 4: v. George Cross
- Round 7, May 18: v. West Ad.Hellas
- Round 9, June 8: v. B.Juventus
- Round 12, June 29: v. Adel. City Juve
- Round 14, July 13: v. Melb Croatia
- Round 16, August 3: v. Brisb City
- Round 20, August 31: v. H'berg-Alex.
- Round 21, September 7: v. Makedonia

AWAY

- Round 2, April 6: v. Adel. City Juve
- Round 4, April 20: v. Melb Croatia
- Round 6, May 11: Brisbane City
- Round 8, May 25: v. Green Gully
- Round 10, June 15: v. Heidelberg-Alexander
- Round 11, June 22: v. Makedonia
- Round 13, July 6: v. SM-Hellas
- Round 15, July 20: v. Geo Cross
- Round 17, August 10: v. W.Ad.Hellas
- Round 19, August 24: v. B.Juventus
- Round 22, September 14: v. Brisb. Lions

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● The president of Malta, Agatha Barbara (second from left) at the Melita Eagles-Wollongong match, flanked by, from left, Paul Elliott of the Parramatta Council, Mr and Mrs L. Dimech of Melita and NSW Federation president John Constantine.

RIVERO: HE'S ALL CLASS!

Melita Eag. 2 Wollongong 2

At Melita Stadium. Crowd: 1400
Scorers: Farnsworth 6th, 35th (ME), rivero 16th, Batten 54th.
MELITA EAGLES: Berry 7 — Laing 8, McAusland 7, McCoy 8 (Wilson 55th), Williams 6 — Stone 7, Farrugia 9, Serbas 7 — Vial 5, Farnsworth 7, Meerban 6.
WOLLONGONG CITY: Billington 7 — Dickson (Stefanovski 14th — 8), Vietstra 7, Giraldi 8, Morlando 5 (Glanone 35th — 5) — Kotamianides 6, Cokley 6, Rivero 7, Murray 7 — Batten 5, Godzik 7.
There were speeches galore at Melita Stadium as Melita welcomed the president of Malta,

Agatha Barbara. Laurie Dimech, the Melita Soccer Club president, Paul Elliott of the Parramatta mayor as well as John Constantine, the president of the NSWSE, gave the Maltese president red carpet treatment.

And while Melita's juniors, all dressed in Melita's popular colors, formed a guard of honor, players from Melita and Wollongong stood at the back of it all, waiting for the game to begin.

Some 20 minutes elapsed as the Maltese President spoke before the game was set on its way.
And it was some game!

● Former Uruguayan international Saul Rivero.

Likened by one official to a cup final, the game swung from one end of the field to the other with neither side giving up the chase for the ball.

Saul Rivero was the soul of his side despite his late arrival from Uruguay. The ex-Uruguayan international was on the spot to show some magic touches, including a free kick which gave his side the equaliser in the 16th minute.

David Batten was brought down close to the 16-metre line and Rivero placed the ball four metres outside the penalty area. A two-metre run-up, a stab, and Berry, in goal for Melita, stood still as the ball crashed in under the crossbar.

Wayne Farnsworth, who pounced on a loose ball after only six minutes to give his side the lead, was once again the hero of Melita in the 35th, as Morlando lost possession and Serbas lobbed the ball to the far post for Farnsworth to score.

Saul Rivero continued to impress with his ball control and telling passes to keep his side in the match. He found Batten in the 54th, splitting Melita's defence. As Williams approached Batten, and Murray sitting only metres from the goal-line free, Batten decided to dribble past Melita's defender and lost the ball.

Batten was given another chance in the closing stages by Rivero. Facing Melita's keeper, he stumbled over the ball, and it rolled to Godzik whose shot was saved by Berry.

Wollongong managed an equaliser after Kenny Wilson had brought down Stefanovski in the 64th, with Batten the scorer from the spot, but that was not enough for two points.

Melita's man of the match was its captain, Ray Farrugia. Appointed captain for one match, the ex-Maltese international showed character and determination to give his side the edge. His shot in the 18th from a pass by Peter Stone had Billington on his knees, but it crashed against the post.

With the score standing at 2-1 to Melita, Farrugia broke through once again, then cut his pass back for Lenny Vial. Billington managed to push the ball but Vial missed badly. Vial missed a few more in a game which he'd rather forget.



● MIKOS ORSZAGH born 21.11.1953, St. George Budapest's new midfielder in Yugoslavia. "He's extremely skilful," says his coach Frank Ark. "He is every bit as good as Zarko Odzakovic."

Well done Meadow, Butler, Bundalo too

Makedonia 0 Fairy Meadow 1

At Towradgi. Crowd 700.
Scorer: Warburton 63rd.
MAKEDONIA: G. Robinson 8 (41st Milenkovski 5), Muhbauer 6, Talevski 5, Campbell 7, Sweeney 6 — Trajcevi 6 (41st Bingham 7), Muszk 5, Serin 7 — King 5, B. Robinson 6, Krkivski 6.

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic 8 — Ind 6, Jones 7, Berringer 5, Hobbs 6 — Piel 7, Cano 6, W. Baker 6, Green 7 (22nd Warburton 7), Fellows 6, Bell 6.

Makedonia looked better in the opening half and Fairy Meadow during the latter part of the match. The "tall timber" as Makedonia is affectionately known, looked set for some good times early but Meadow's young keeper, Krajnovic, made no mistake.

He was superb and made sure his side kept a clean slate at half time. Not so Larry Berringer. Fairy Meadow's anchor man. He looked out of touch.

Craig Warburton broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute after Makedonia's defence stood flat-footed allowing Warburton to win the ball and score.

Fairy Meadow has taken five points out of a possible 10. With only Berringer and Piel left from last year's State League side, Meadow deserves great praise.

Sutherland 0 Ku-Ring-Gai 0

At Towradgi. Crowd 700.
SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 8 — Cashman 7, Burrows 7, Lerond 2, Seller 6, — Meades 7, Sharpe 6, Harrington 6 — Hughes 5, Hall 7, Ball 6 (Duncan 45th).

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey 7 — Keven 7, Bertram 7, Watson 8 — Goldworthy 9, Dene 5, Bennett 6 (33rd Leslie 6), Farrell 7 — James 6, Pepper 5, Bass 8.

Sutherland needed to win by two goals to make sure of a quarter-final berth should APIA or Croatia stumble at the Croatian Sports Centre.

The nervous Sharks looked sluggish at the start but picked up during the second period to outplay Kuringai.

Chances came Sutherland's way by the barrow load but there was not a single Shark hungry enough to take advantage.

Scott Hughes, the man who earned his side a 1-1 draw with APIA, looked sadly out of touch. He missed slitters in the 42nd, 49th and 50th minutes after good work by his team mates. A Lerond cross was wasted in the 42nd, then in came Steve Meades with a pass which gave Hughes an ideal opportunity. That too was missed. And in the 50th minute Craig Hall provided the spade work but Hughes missed yet again.

At the other end Kuringai had its share of chances but

Burchmore seemed to know exactly when and where the ball would go and was in great touch.

APIA 1 Croatia 0

At the Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 2,560.
Scorer: T. Butler 55th.

APIA: Pezzano 7 — Steven 7, Bertogna 8, Ziras 7, Brown 7 — Hristovski 7, Butler 8, Bundalo 7 — Kousas 6, Doumis 6, Stewart 8.

CROATIA: Woodhouse 7 Basic 6, Kovacic 7, Calista 7 (Kero 41st, 7), Jennings 6 — Clinch 6, Savor 7, Odzakovic 6 — Jurin 6, Arnold 5, Dragovic 5.

After hearing the good news from South Coast (Sutherland had drawn with Kuringai), APIA and Croatia strolled through their paces with the result of no interest at all.

In the end it was left to Arno Bertogna to direct traffic for APIA at the back and Terry Butler and Alex Bundalo to orchestrate the winner.

Bundalo provided the pass the Butler raced in to score with a fierce drive.

Manly 2 Freshwater 0

At the Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 2,560.
Scorer: Van Emmond 29th, 50th.

MANLY: Jones 7 — Roblin 7, J. Dick 7, Pearce 7, S. Dick 7 — Marshall 6, Dean 7, Stuart 6 — Davidson 6, Van Emmond 8, Abraham 6.

FRESHWATER: Drury 7 — Parfitt 6, Wicks 7, Sturges 6, Placer 6 — Friend 5, Silva 5, Sarge 6 — Brady 6, Corrigan 6, Modronj 7.

Hilton Silva missed a penalty. Van Emmond scored two goals for Manly and the game which was to decide the best team north of the harbor provided little more than a pleasant Sunday afternoon workout.



● O'Shane (Uruguay)

And now the quarter-finals

This weekend's quarter-finals:

FRIDAY

At Marconi Stadium: Melita Eagles v APIA at 7 pm, followed by Hakoah v Sydney Croatia.

SUNDAY

At St George Stadium: Newcastle Rosebud v Inter Monaro at 3.30 pm, followed by Marconi v Olympic.

GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sydney Hakoah	3	1	1	8	5	7
Melita Eagles	1	3	1	6	3	5
Blacktown City	2	1	2	7	6	5
Wollongong City	1	3	1	5	4	5
Fairy Meadow	2	1	2	3	7	5
Makedonia	1	1	3	4	7	3

Stevenson impressive but Estavillo steals the show

Sydney Olympic 3 St George 0

At St George Stadium. Crowd: 650.
Scorers: 7th Johnstone 11th Kalantzis, 28th Estavillo.

OLYMPIC: Maier 8 — Lambropoulos 8, Stankovich 8, Dakos 9, Phillips 7, Johnstone 8, Estavillo 9, (Soper 55th), Raskopoulos 7 — Brandt 6, Stevenson 7, Kalantzis 7.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 7 — Sken 6, Koczka 7, J. O'Shea 6, Moffitt 6 — Petkovski 6, Orszag 6, Ricoy 5 — Grbevski 6, Caban 6 (Cotton 55th), Belusie 6.

Stuart Stevenson made an impressive debut in Olympic's 3-0 romp over St George at Barton Park last Saturday. He missed a chance during the second period but played well for most of the match and combined with Vincent Estavillo to set up the ex-National star with a goal in the 28th minute.

Estavillo was the star of this match and directed traffic for most of the 55 minutes before he was replaced by Soper. In fact Olympic outplayed St George with ease until the departure of Estavillo.

It was then that the game changed with the last 25 minutes producing more fights than football with Soper, Greedy and Raskopoulos tangling. Terry Greedy came out to dive at the feet of Soper in the 71st minute and they clashed. Raskopoulos also got involved.

No-one was sent off but I fancy that Soper was very lucky to have stayed on the park.

Sydney Olympic simply destroyed St George and there was no reason for any rough stuff.

However, Soper is unpredictable, and frankly the game wouldn't be the same if he wasn't.

On the bright side, Olympic was great during the first period.

Devastating is a more apt description. Saints looked sluggish, fatigued and bored with the whole thing as Olympic, led by the brilliant Estavillo, roamed at will to score three fine goals.

And it was Olympic's third goal which long will be remembered. Estavillo placed one of his delicate chips in the path of Stevenson who was able to turn and cross for the incoming Estavillo who wasted little time in planting his shot wide of Greedy.

It was simply superb and the crowd responded to this in fine style, cheering its heart out.

Stuart Johnstone was on hand to beat St George's offside trap in the 7th minute before scoring then Chris Kalantzis scored from a cross by Johnstone in the 11th minute.

Stevenson missed in the 18th but made amends with his pass to Estavillo.

Kalantzis scored again in the 52nd but was ruled offside.

Too late

Canberra 2 Avala 0

At St George Stadium. Crowd: 3650.
Scorers: Lamond 28th, Gibson 57th.

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS: Economopoulos 7 — Nelson 7, Mazis 7, Bourke 8, Mihailidis 7, Sermanni 8, Kilsner 6, Brockbank 5, Fernandez 5 (55th Searle), — Lamond 8, Gibson 8.

AVALA: Thurlow 8 — Jordan 7, Pena 6, Atletic 6, Divani 6 — Cootes 7, Brunetta 7, Anderson 6 (Radenkovic 60th), Kodor 6, Jeffery 6, Bratkovic 7.

Canberra's late form, including this 2-0 win against Avala, failed to make an impression on the Group C final standings.

Canberra led after Manis Lamond beat Avala's offside trap in the 26th, but failed to produce real form until the second leg.

Avala was subdued in this period and rarely showed more than a defensive attitude. Ian Gibson strolled through some poor tackling in the 57th to score Canberra's second goal, but misses by Sermanni, Searle and Gibson shaded an otherwise good performance by the visitors.



● Ingham's challenge fails to prevent Canterbury goalkeeper Barker snatching the ball. No. 11 is Newcastle's Rowney.

Canterbury undermanned

Canterbury 1 N. Rosebud 3

At Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2250.
Scorers: Ingham 33rd, 48th, Todd 80th (N), Philippou 57th (C).

CANTERBURY: Barker 8 — Karaspiros 5, Radman 7, Bantzis 8, Kirwan 7 — Agnostopoulos 6, Jebrai 6, Antonopoulos 5 (Seven 41st — 6), Fernatis 7 — Kalogeras 6, Philippou 6.

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD: Gosling 7 (Dorman 41st — 6), Milosevic 7, Bannan 7, Maier 7, Garland 6 — Naumov 8, Senkalski 5, Jones 6 — Todd 6, Ingham 7, Rowney 5 (75th Riddell).

Newcastle-Rosebud strolled to its fourth victory in the elimination series of the Ampol Cup to take top spot in Group D but found Canterbury quite a determined opponent.

The Berries, still without some of their 1985 stars, made their bid after falling two behind soon after the restart. Mario Philippou netted for Canterbury from 16 metres after combining with Dennis Fieranis and set the stage for a furious finish.

Almost a minute later, in the 58th, Ross Milosevic scrambled the ball off the

line from a poor effort by Philippou. Only six metres from the line and with the keeper stranded, Philippou hit his shot straight at Milosevic.

Seconds later Canterbury missed again. It was the last chance to square the match.

But despite its valiant effort Canterbury seldom looked capable of beating Rosebud and had it not been for the woodwork, Rosebud would have scored more.

Sean Ingham hit the post twice, in the 8th and 25th, before scoring with an easy pot in the 33rd from a cross by Milosevic.

Derek Todd was also unlucky in front of goal. He missed a sitter in the 19th, then again in the 67th (foiled by diving Barker), and yet again in the 74th when the woodwork got in the way.

However, Todd did manage to score in the dying seconds after a good move involving Naumov and Jones.

Ross Milosevic and Bobby Naumov were also instrumental in setting up Sean Ingham for his second goal soon after half time. Ingham, an ex-Youth international, only had to touch the ball to see it shave the inside of the post and go in.

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Carroll's two topple Hakoah

SC-Hakoah 2 Blacktown 4

At St George Stadium
 Scorers: Willis 25th, Carroll 52nd, 75th, Thorntonwaite 68th (BC) Fletcher 60th, DeMarigny 68th
 SYDNEY HAKOAH: McPherson 5 — Rodriguez 6, Barnes 6, Robertson 7, DeMarigny 7 — Kay 6, Watson 6, Falconer 5 — Farina 6, Kosmina 5, Fletcher 7
 BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Willis 7, McLeod 7, Ainsworth 7, Bourke 7, Elam 6, Byrne 6, Knight 6, Thorntonwaite 7, Carroll 7, Denyer 6



Joe Carroll

Sydney Hakoah omitted Gomez, Spanos and Souness, its three star players so far in this competition, to make way for Watson, Falconer and Barnes and beat dearly for it.

On the other hand, Blacktown City, the Ampol Cup holder, took control with some delightful football to come within a whisker of upsetting the odds. A couple of goals extra to the Demons' tally and either Melita or Wollongong City would have been on the way out of the competition.

It appears that since Blacktown's loss to Makedonia, its

coach, Casey De Bruin eased off its training schedule. Blacktown's players responded.

The side, which looked fatigued in previous matches, came out firing on all cylinders and pushing the ball about in sparkling fashion.

Peter Willis's thunderbolt midway through the first half from a free kick, gave the Demons extra incentive to look for the points against their most fearsome foe.

Hakoah missed a couple of glaring opportunities during the first period but never looked like getting a point after Joe Carroll had slammed a 20-metre drive past McPherson.

The Hakoah keeper was to blame for this goal as he fumbled and stumbled to let the ball go through his hands

Graeme Fletcher pulled one back with 20 minutes to go but Brett Thorntonwaite, after a dazzling run, had McPherson stretched in vain to make it 3-1.

Only a minute later, Jean Paul de Marigny scored with a cracking 25-metre shot which left Barry Hoare helpless.

The stage was set for a furious finish, but Joe Carroll soon put the issue beyond doubt with his second goal to make it 4-2.

Hakoah had no excuse for this loss. The side had top players on show and Souness, Spanos and Gomez were on the bench.

It was obvious from the start that Eddie Thompson was experimenting with Murray Barnes at centre back and with three midfielders from the previous week sitting on the bench, making way for Kay, Watson and Falconer.

And while Hakoah will now be part of the top eight teams, our 1985 Ampol Cup winner, Blacktown City, bows out, luckily on a winning note and in fine style.



Glenn Dods

Dods, Rankin to Croatia

Kiwi World Cup hero Glenn Dods and his Adelaide Juventus colleague Peter Rankin have signed for Adelaide Croatia.

Juventus coaching co-ordinator John Perin said Rankin's fee must be regarded as relatively cheap for such a young, talented player.

Other SA moves last week saw Adelaide Croatia striker Tony Blute switch to Para Hills and wing striker Angie Dittoria transfer from Campbelltown City to Beograd.

— ALLAN CRISP

Darwin recruit sizzles

Polonia 2 Birkalla 1

Scorers: Karpinski (P) 25th, Greig (P) 35th, Devlin (B) 49th.

What a difference a win makes! Before this game Polonia was stone motionless last. At the end it had zoomed into second place on the Group B table to be well and truly in the S.A. semi-final race.

Former Polish professional, now Adelaide Polonia captain Adam Karpinski, paved the way for the success with a glorious angled drive from inside the box.

Darwin recruit Jerry Greig chimed in with Polonia's second goal 10 minutes later and Birkalla's only reply came from Gary Devlin nine minutes into the second half.

Hard-working Greig is a fine find for Polonia. With a moderate degree of luck he should have scored at least once in the first four minutes when he crammed in three attempts.

Birkalla coach Rab Jones made five changes to the side which drew 1-1 with Azzurri so he could keep faith with all in his evenly-balanced squad.

Two changes — Terry Hayes (honeymoon) and Andy Owens (employment) were enforced, while Jones opted to introduce Gary Pidgeon from Cumberland United, Fraser Huntley, John Rashella, Brenton Bushby and Con Karagiannis into his run-in team.

Another Cumberland acquisition, Simon Murdoch, and big Mark Burrows came on after the interval as Jones gambled further on change.

In the end, Birkalla's inexperience proved its undoing, but one of its veterans would have been better advised to have encouraged instead of roundly criticising young goalkeeper Huntley.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMPOL CUP with ALLAN CRISP

MATIC'S JUVE INTO SEMIS

AC-Juventus 2 Beograd 0

Scorers: Mullen (J) 35th, Maxwell (J) 75th.

Adelaide City Juventus tightened its grip on the SA Ampol Cup by clearing the tough Beograd challenge.

With four points now from two games Juventus has a mortgage on a semi-final berth.

But Beograd's refusal to be easily brushed aside suggests that it too is not out of the honours race in this popular series.

On form, Beograd could and should account for Elizabeth City this week to book a place alongside Juventus as Group A semi-finalists.

Beograd called the tune from the kick-off it was as well for Juventus that coach Zoran Matić decided to recall his leading lights Buggy Nyskohus, Neville Flounders, Brian Northcote and Willie McNally.

The latter, following his SA debut in India, never put a goalkeeping foot wrong in a top class display that denied Beograd's best scoring attempt.

Dusan Ruzmir of Beograd gave Adrian Santrac a midfield lesson from the outset, but State player Santrac did not deserve to be booted off when he was substituted by young Ernie Luongo 15 minutes from full-time.

Beograd was dealt a cruel blow when central defender Chris Miller hobbled off with an ankle injury three minutes after the start of the second half — an injury which could put him in doubt this week.

Juventus coach Matić was hardly bursting with enthusiastic pride after his new team had conquered his old.

Matic, still searching for his best line-up, experimented from the start of the second half by introducing Colin Miller at right-back in place of his new Salisbury United signing Gary Higgins. Winger Miller made an encouraging debut which included a stinging drive just over the Beograd crossbar.

Miller enjoyed his 40 minutes and he surely did not regret sacrificing his ticket to the Dire Straits concert at Football Park.

Paul Mullen's sharp half-volley five minutes before half time provided a slice of magic and indicated a probable return to his best sharpshooting form.

Steve Maxwell hit his third goal of the series five minutes from the end to lend credibility to the scoreline.

Matic retained his unbeaten run since taking over at Juventus, but this important win was clouded by his midfield's failure to return a consistent workrate.

Whyalla out of league

South Australia's dream of establishing a true State League competition soured last week when Whyalla City quit the SA Rothmans League Second Division.

Whyalla's withdrawal, six weeks before the 1986 season kicks off, seems certain to gain a relegation reprieve for Enfield-Victoria.

SA Federation chairman Alex Chichanowski said the Whyalla City club had been a victim of the current economic conditions within the area.

"Their decision to withdraw is disappointing, but unavoidable," he said.

"Their infrastructure is the equal of anything available in Adelaide but they simply cannot hold their players."

Former Whyalla City secretary Dennis Burns said the closure of the Whyalla shipyard had made it increasingly difficult for the club to maintain its playing staff.

"There are so many young people moving from the town that all sports are suffering," Mr Burns said.

"Since the club joined the federation competition in 1980 it has cost over \$200,000 in travel and other expenses."

What a thriller

Polonia 3 Uruguay 3

Venue: Melita Stadium, crowd 1400.
 Scorers: Chou 18th, Pop 43rd, Drys 51st (P), Kralovic 25th, Van Helden 32nd, O'Donnell 62nd.

POLONIA: Anderson 6 — Simonescu 6, Lasek 7, Robertson 6, Chou 7 — Drys 7, Parker 5, Santoro 5 (Mahannah 41st-7), Gekkie 5 — Pop 7, Janic 6.

URUGUAY: Rosano 5 (Tabernaberi 41st-6), O'Donnell 7, Hastie 6, Kralovic 8, Piriz 6 — Langan 6, Genc 7, Jones 6, Rodas 6 — O'Shane 6 (Cuba 55th), van Helden 7.

Entertainment, a word that is slowly being wiped out of the soccer vocabulary, returned to Melita Stadium last Saturday afternoon with both Polonia and Uruguay determined to deliver the goods.

Uruguay came forward in drives during the opening 40 minutes and looked capable of scoring half a dozen. Then, almost against the run of play, Quin Chou came forward for Polonia to unleash a 30-metre drive which however looked harmless enough not to cause Rosano the much-troubled Rosano, looking upfield (not at the ball) lowered his arms to pick up as the ball rolled towards him, he raised his arms too soon, forgot the ball and rolled over the line!

Uruguayan defender Kralovic came forward to head an equaliser, but yet again with the help of some poor goal-keeping.

Kralovic went past a few defenders shortly afterwards before sending in a low cross which Alex Robertson failed to control and van Helden pounced on to score.

Then Polonia cut loose with Jurek Drys directing traffic from midfield. Andriej Pop slammed in a 30 metre drive which flew past Tabernaberi, then Jurek Drys played a neat one-two with Pop to head past the Uruguayan keeper and give Polonia the lead.

Uruguay equalised through O'Donnell midway through this period to have the sides share the spoils.



Van Helden of Uruguay is tackled by Polonia's Quin Chou.

Henderson as striker!

Marconi 3 Inter-Monaro 0

At Marconi Stadium, Crowd 2250.

Scorers: Lowe 6th, Henderson 56th, Carter 65th. MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 8, Calderan 7, Wheatley 7, Riccetto 7 — Mason 7, Gray 5, Sterrey 6 — Lowe 6, Henderson 6, Treddinnick 7.

INTER-MONARO: Pinto 6, Antonopoulos 41st — 6, Tullawa 7, Budini 7, Dachs 6 (C. Ambrosino 5th), Walsh 5 — A. Ambrosino 7, Carbone 7, Wotherspoon 5 — Winn 5 (Valastro 7th), Giampolo 6, Trajanovski 6.

Marconi continued its good pre-season form in beating Inter-Monaro to qualify for the quarter-finals of the NSW Ampol Cup. It was an efficient performance with some bruising tackles coming from both sides.

Neither side could afford to lose by more than a couple of goals and the attitude of "protect yourself at all times" came into play early.

Marconi's David Lowe, in great form so early in the year, gave his side an ideal start after only six minutes. He gave Pinto no chance from just inside the penalty area and set his side on the way to an easy victory.

The longer the game went, the more dominant became the home side, with Ricky Budini, an ex-Marconi player, fighting hard to keep his defence in line.

Tony Henderson made an unusual appearance as central striker due to the absence through injury of Rod Brown and Mark Janjovics, who is in dispute with the club.

Henderson scored a fine goal from 16 metres after a goal-mouth melee in the 56th minute but was generally off target and at times lost in his new "surroundings".

To his woe, Henderson had an unusual "air swing" close to the end of the match, much to the amazement of a jovial 2000 strong crowd.

Marconi presented a strong style of play and will be difficult to beat in this competition. They look sharp, fast and above all very, very aggressive.

Paul Carter looks better with each game he plays. His defending, coupled with some deadly excursions down the flank, will test most teams. He was "Man of the Match" alongside David Lowe, and his effort included a well-taken goal in the 65th after a through ball by Henderson. He ran away from Inter's defence to beat Antonopoulos with ease.

Garland the match-winner

N. Rosebud 1 Uruguay 0

Venue: Adamstown Oval, Crowd 867.

Scorers: Garland 68th. NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling 7, R. Milosovic 6, Bannan 7 (38th Todd 6), Main 6, Garland 8 — Naumov 6, Sankalski 7, Owens 7, M. Jones 7, Riddell 6 (60th Ingham 7), Rowney 6. Coach: Peter Irving.

AUBURN-URUGUAY: Rosando 8 — Piriz 6, Hastie 7, Kralovic 6, O'Donnell 6 — C. Jones 7, Langan 7, Genc 6 — Martinez 7 (O'Shane 55th), Van Helden 6, Rodas 7 (60th Dulisse 6). Coach: Raul Carrizo.

Newcastle took both points in its game against Auburn-Cracking left foot

kick by Matt Garland late in the second half which gave goalkeeper Rosando no chance.

The local team on the night possibly did a little more than their opponents and the final result was a fair indication of the game.

The Raul Carrizo trained outfit moved the ball about nicely but was far too hesitant in front of goal to really cause any trouble to the slick Newcastle defence.

At the other end, Rosando had to intervene several times to prevent his team from going down by a much wider margin.

However, this was not one of Newcastle's better games. It played like it always knew it was going to win and against

more penetrative opposition that could have been fatal.

Peter Irving continued to experiment with his players. Matt Garland having an excellent game at left full back. Ian Bannan also continued to impress in the centre of the defence until a pulled muscle forced his retirement late in the first half.

Sean Ingham also showed some flashes of brilliance when he came on in the second half and should be quite an acquisition when he settles down.

Auburn, as mentioned earlier, is a fairly attractive combination and on the night was best served by goalkeeper Rosando. Hastie, Langan and Martinez

Two on way to join Hellas

West Adelaide Hellas is continuing its massive recruiting campaign but coach Neil McGachey earlier this week refused to release the names of two UK players signed by the club.

"We'll release their names once we get visas for them. We've been caught out in the past by releasing names, then the deals have fallen through and we've looked daft. We won't get caught out again," said McGachey.

The West Ad boss was much more talkative on the subject of young Lou Hristodoulou who joined from the Institute of Sport this year.

"What a talent this kid is! He's going to be a very, very good player. The only question now is just how quickly he makes the transition from youth to senior soccer," said McGachey.

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Opasinis hopes new role will lift him back among 'Roos

By PETER DESIRA

Con Opasinis has accepted a switch to the sweeper's position at Preston Macedonia because he believes it will help him in a second tilt at a fullback spot in the national team.

Macedonia coach Bill Murray talked Opasinis into the switch to fill the vacancy created by Robbie Dunn and 'Opo' has settled into the role comfortably in the side's steady march towards the Buffalo Gold Cup semi-finals.

At 22, Opasinis is the longest serving senior player on Macedonia's books.

Last year he alternated between the fullback and mid-field positions to establish himself as a true utility-man but Opasinis now firmly believes that the constant changing of positions harmed his game.

"I made the Australia B side as a 20-year-old but if I look back now I can only deduce that I have slowly fallen down. I haven't got anywhere in the past two years," he says.

"I keep aiming for better things and my player's ambition has got to be to make the national team but in retrospect, the constant changing of positions didn't help me last year."

"I was finding that as soon as I learned something, I couldn't use it the following week because I was playing a different role."

"That is why I told Bill (Murray) I'd rather not get mucked about and settle into one position," Opasinis said.

The sweeper's position is harder to play but Opasinis is enjoying the responsibility and finds playing behind Ian Dobson immensely rewarding.

"As sweeper, I find I have to come out of my shell a lot more. I had never been much of a talker on the field but now I find myself organising and even getting our midfielders to pick up."

"From the sweeper's position, you get a much better perspective of the game whereas at fullback, my main objective was trying to get forward as soon as the opportunity presented itself."

While admitting the new role is more demanding, Opasinis's task has been made easier, with Murray putting on sessions for him regularly at training.

And Dobson has helped tremendously on the park.

"Billy Murray is by far the best coach I've played under," Opasinis says.

"He's a coach in the true sense of the word — he's enthusiastic, he's always there early and if things don't work out he's always got the advice to help you through."

Although he is playing sweeper he hopes Frank Arok will consider him for a fullback position in the national team.

"I was the youngest member of the Australia B team and people have since told me I probably made it a bit too early."



● Con Opasinis as Victorian Under 21 Player of the Year.

"I'll be the first to admit I didn't know too much and know that I have a far better understanding of the game now. The sweeper's position is helping in that regard and will add to my game if I have to revert to fullback. I feel my chances of making the senior side are better at fullback than sweeper because of Charlie Yankos's stranglehold on the position."

Opasinis's credentials in four years of senior soccer are 87 games and two goals in the NSL, three matches for the B team (two against Rangers and one against Iraklis) and the Under 21 Player of the Year award two seasons ago.

That is a fair achievement especially in Victoria where local-born players find it hard to break in and then to hold onto a regular place in the NSL.

He started at Macedonia nine years ago and is the only player from his age group to have played right through the ranks.

Opasinis believes there is no secret to his breakthrough other than his hunger for achievement.

He believes there are other youngsters who have had the same ability but did not try to mix in with the rest of the squad.

"A lot of the younger guys even now are quite happy to head straight home after training."

They never ask the senior players for help and never get involved.

"In my case I've always found the senior players willing to help when I've asked. When I first broke into the senior team, Alan Whittle was a great help staying back to work with me," Opasinis says.

"I've always been fairly open and if I didn't understand anything I wasn't scared to ask even if it turned out to be embarrassing at times."

Opasinis firmly believes that for him to come under Arok's notice, Macedonia has to have a successful year.

"It happened with Juventus where Mike Petersen, and to a lesser extent Paul Wade, Richard Miranda and Yanka Banovic were all picked to play in representative sides at one stage or another."

"We're already a well-organised side and will get even better once Zoran Ilioski returns and the two newcomers (Ron Campbell and Mile Niceski) arrive."

"We're going to be a very hard team to beat. We're a definite for the top four and given an even break we ought to be a good chance for the title."

Macedonia's main threat to the championship comes from three sides, according to Opasinis.

"Melbourne Croatia has established a good understanding early and they're going to have a big year if their Buffalo Cup form is any indication."

"Juventus has to be a threat because it is the champion and has not lost significantly from last year's squad."

"And I would certainly not wipe out Hellas in spite of their poor start."

Matches against Hellas stand out for Opasinis because of his success rate against Charlie Egan and the indecipherable mark last year's play-off game left on him.

Charlie Egan has never scored against us when I've been in the team.

been his marker. I rate Charlie as one of the best players I've played against and I'm proud of my record against him.

"He has scored against Macedonia but that has come at times when I've been playing in midfield."

"Of all the NSL matches I've played, the 4-4 draw with Hellas in the play-offs was by far the most memorable one for me. The atmosphere was electric, with everything hinging on the result and I scored the penalty that won it for us in the shoot out."

Apart from Egan, the other forward Opasinis admired was the late Phil O'Connor.

"I played against him twice and still rate him as the hardest man I've had to mark. He was a very good player, difficult to keep under control."

While Opasinis's main aim remains to see Macedonia do well, he harbors a secret desire



● Con Opasinis with the man he loves to mark, Charlie Egan (left).

to see an opposition player have a really good season.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed, hoping Vlado Bozinovski gets a chance and has a really good year at Hellas."

"We established a good friendship before he went to Yugoslavia and often trained together outside normal sessions with our respective clubs."

"He was unlucky in that Rale Rasie lost his coaching position at Hellas as soon as it looked like he was going to get a chance to establish himself."

"He has been a bit quiet in the past but he's changing now and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that he gets a decent chance this season."

After seven clubs it's NSL for van Egmond

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Nick van Egmond Jr. had his first senior game at the tender age of 13. It was against the defunct Hakoah in the Victorian Dockerty Cup.

Young Nick was in Mornington's midfield. His dad, Nick Sr., former Wilhelmina and Victorian State goalkeeper, was the player-coach.

Mornington lost that game 2-5, but it was all part of young Nick's learning experience.

After changing clubs seven times, Nick Jr. is trying to make best use of all that learning. He is now at Preston Macedonia, making a bid for success in the National Soccer League.

He is 19 now. He has left school, he works as a storeman for a health foods company. His father, Nick Sr., runs the Victorian Indoor Soccer and Fitness Centre at Bayswater, where Nick has further honed his excellent ball skills. To say that there is soccer in Nick's blood is an understatement.

"From under 10s to under 17s, I trained with dad every single day," he says.

We asked him whether dad was one of those ranting parents when it came to sport. "That's the worst thing, I guess," he responds with a laugh, "but it doesn't hurt. You've got to learn to take it."

Although he's come a long way, Nick van Egmond Jr. knows, just as fellow recruits Mike McLennan and Ian Roodhouse, that competition will be extremely tough when Ronnie Campbell arrives from Perth and Mile Niceski from Yugoslavia.

McLennan and Roodhouse are Macedonia's other local recruits.

They like van Egmond, are prepared to give it their best shot as they try to hold onto positions in the senior team.

"It's quicker at this level but skill-wise it's nothing exceptional," he says. "Skill is my strong point but I've got to learn to get stuck in. It's been my biggest problem, I guess. I've always been slight so I found the physical stuff a bit hard. But then, I was always the youngest one."

"They're getting a little gym at Macedonia, so I'll go down early on training nights and do some extra work."

He's been used to playing wide in midfield in a 4-3-3 formation but has found it necessary to readjust a little in Macedonia's 4-4-2 set-up.

where he plays more as a winger.

And he admits to being "a bit nervous in front of goal." But that's another area he's working on.

Nick was recommended to Macedonia coach Bill Murray by Gary Cole, who saw Nick play in the 1985 "World Cup" competition in Holland, and in indoor competitions at Bayswater. Cole also played indoor soccer.

Murray invited Nick for a trial, liked what he saw, and signed him on a free transfer from Wilhelmina.

But his career can be traced back to the under 8s of Monbulk.

From there, he switched to Wilhelmina's under 10s, and then to Mooroolbark where his dad was helping out with coaching.

Nick Sr. was at Mornington as player-coach for a season before Nick Jr. joined him there.

After that, he tried his luck overseas.

He was to go to Walford but he got there late and found the training squad was full up.

However, John Feenstra, who had been a Wilhelmina player in the early seventies, was manager of Wembley Stadium, and he had a lot of contacts with London clubs.

It was through Feenstra that van Egmond won a two-week training stint with the youth team of Tottenham Hotspur.

From there, he moved on to Holland to train for a month with FC Twente. "I trained with the apprentices and had a game with the second team. I went quite well and they were interested in me, but I got homesick and so I decided to come home again," he remembers.

When Rale Rasie joined Hellas in 1983, he renewed his acquaintance with Nick van Egmond Sr., who had played under Rasie while Rasie was coach of the Victorian State team. When Nick Jr. returned from overseas, Rasie signed him for Hellas's State League side.

Rale was pushed out by some of the players at Hellas. He'd looked after me really well but when he left I got dumped in the reserves, and



● Nick van Egmond while playing State League for Hellas.



● Nick van Egmond Jr., at age 12, after winning a skills competition at the Exhibition Buildings. At left is the boy he beat, Jason Jacoby, formerly of Sandringham City, now a star wicketkeeper with St Kilda Cricket Club.

measured around, so the following year I joined dad at Nunawading City. I was still only 17. Dad quit Nunawading because he got too busy with the indoor soccer centre, and I decided it was time to have another crack at State League, so I went to Wilhelmina."

He wasn't happy there, however, and quit three-quarters of the way through the season.

On the eventful road along which Nick van Egmond has travelled on his way to the NSL, he represented Victoria at under 14, 15 and 16 levels. The under 14 team won the national championship in Canberra. Aki Kotziamichalis (Melb Croatia), Claudio Avian (Polonia), John Gabrielson (Heidelberg) and David Azzopardi (Box Hill) were among his teammates.

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● John Feenstra as a Wilhelmina player in 1970.

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Vics on way to the top

If the results of the national championships held in Adelaide over the Australia Day weekend are any indication, Victoria is set to rise to power in indoor soccer in Australia.

Led by coach Dean Poropat and sponsored by Claudio Pellegrini and Transfix, the team was well prepared to accept the challenge of taking on reigning champion New South Wales. Co-ordinating the team was difficult as players had to travel from Geelong, the Latrobe Valley, Bayswater, Preston, and Thomastown for practice sessions. But team officials made this task look easy. Training camps were held in Dromana so that a reasonable road journey of two hours or so confronted all players except those from Geelong. (They had an enjoyable trip across the bay on the Portsea ferry).

Coach Poropat continues to make a name for himself as a tactical innovator in indoor soccer. He already has gained national recognition for moulding together a very young Preston team in the National Indoor Soccer League late in 1985. In a similar manner, the Victorian All-Age team was quick to make its presence felt at the national championships.

Western New South Wales was first to suffer the wrath of the Victorians who raced to a comfortable 3-0 victory. W.N.S.W. had no answer to the tight defensive pattern that is the trade mark of all Poropat teams and consequently found scoring opportunities few and far between. Quick attacking moves out of defence provided Victoria with all of its goals.

The ultimate challenge confronted the Victorians sooner than they hoped. New South Wales was their next opponent. Mr Pellegrini and Transfix can be proud of their team's performance in this game. Indeed all of those fortunate to see the game were transfixed by the action.

Inexperience was Victoria's major worry. Many scoring opportunities went begging as the players came quickly out of defence into open areas. With a little more patience (and accuracy) N.S.W. may have been overrun by an avalanche of goals.



● **Victoria, back row: Eddy Radojevic, Nigel Brown, Michael Giacomi, Peter Coad, Steve Radojevic. Front row: Michael Contos (team manager), Maurice Bisetto (vice-captain), Lucky Inturrisi, Paul Brabbin, Dinko Ulsar. Missing: Joe Tront (captain), Harry McKinlay.**

New South Wales, with several national team players in its squad, eventually won 2-0 but went back to its motel well aware that Victoria had thrown down the gauntlet and would be tougher to beat in future.

Victoria lost 2-3 to Queensland in its final game which had no bearing on the outcome of the tournament. Poropat used the game to experiment with new tactics. N.S.W. went on to win the final against A.C.T. 7-2!!

The skill of the Victorians was recognised by the national selectors too. The following players were chosen for the Australian squad to tour South America later in the year: Nigel Brown, Paul Brabbin, Lucky Inturrisi, Joe Tront, Harry McKinlay and Maurice Bisetto.

Coach Poropat and sponsors Transfix can be proud of the Victorians' display. The foundation has been laid for future success.

PLAYER PROFILE:

To look at her, you would hardly believe that Suzanne Cassar (pictured) is Victoria's Premier Women's indoor soccer player. Indeed, most people would be surprised by the standard of the female players in a sport that is traditionally recognised as a male domain.

Sue plays indoor soccer with Terites in Morwell in the Latrobe Valley. Five seasons have been completed since the competition began in 1983 and the Hotshots, Sue's team until this year, have won two championships and have been runners-up in two others.

In keeping with family tradition it was inevitable that Sue ultimately would turn her hand (or should we say foot) to the game. Two of her brothers also have been selected for national teams: Mark was selected for the under 18 tour of Holland and Anthony toured Brazil with the under 20 team. Both boys also play with Morwell Falcons along with older brother Effie. Of course, Dad has



been involved for many years.

National selection is a great honor in any sport but Sue has the added distinction of being the first Victorian woman to play indoor soccer for her country. Her performances were excellent in a strong team that won 13 of 16 games played against England and Holland. A dependable team player, Sue scored four goals during the tour.

At 22 years old Sue has every chance of competing internationally for many years to come however she is surprisingly modest

about her future plans. While many excited players would have their minds on tours to exotic, far-off places, her main ambition is to be a part of Victoria's rise to power at the national championships and then sharing her experience with her local team.

It comes as no surprise therefore that Sue's transfer from Hotshots to Terites is to coach a team of girls who are new to indoor soccer and very enthusiastic.

The holder of a Business Degree, Sue is employed by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria as a commercial administrative officer. Her spare time is usually taken up by indoor soccer in one way or another. If she is not practising, playing or coaching she will probably be on a court in a referee's uniform or somewhere around the centre performing her duties as secretary/treasurer of the Latrobe Valley Indoor Soccer Association.

Sue has represented Victoria and Australia proudly during her involvement in indoor soccer and given the amount of effort she puts into the sport it's a safe bet that she will continue to excel in the game.

PLAYER PROFILE:

When Maurice Bisetto (pictured) started playing indoor soccer in November last year he had planned to have a bit of fun with the round ball enjoying the comfort of indoor environs. If anyone had suggested that with this strange, small ball that doesn't bounce much he could make a name for himself, this voracious footballer would have been stunned into silence.

Well, stunned he was when selected in the Australian indoor soccer squad during the recent national championships held in Adelaide.

Maurice is a tough, effervescent competitor whose passing and running make him a natural at indoor soccer. As vice-captain of the Victorian team and a major member of the Preston national indoor team he has demonstrated the abil-



ity to use his left foot to strike the ball with power and finish many plays off with sensational goals.

Maurice began his football career as a 10 year old with Bulleen and played with that team until 1983 when he was recruited by Juventus to play for its youth team in 1984. After one season he transferred to Ivanhoe City and at the age of 20 this handsome, brown eyed footballer of Italian stock seemed destined to enjoy his football playing in the lower leagues.

More success was to come Maurice's way. By Christmas last year his club, Furlan, had won the Thomastown league championship and he left the annual presentation dinner with the best and fairest trophy in his possession.

Maurice's rise in indoor soccer has been amazing and 1986 should see the trend continue.

So watch out for Maurice Bisetto! At 21 he will be part of Australia's emergence on the international indoor soccer scene.



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Death list!

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The National League executive has yet to work out the mechanics of applying its criteria.

According to league manager Steve Kamaz, however, past performance points may be worked out by dividing the total points earned by a club since the start of the NSL by the number of games that club has played.

We have worked out past performance totals on that basis. The club with the highest points per game (Sydney Hakoah with 1.42) received 40 points.

We then divide 40 by the number of clubs — 23 rather than 24, because Canterbury-Marrickville is in its first NSL season — which gives us 1.74. To determine the value of each placing we deduct 1.74 for each position down the line.

Hence Sydney Croatia, which has the second highest points per game, gets 38.26 points.

In case of ties, all teams involved in the tie receive an equal number of points.

Canterbury-Marrickville's past performance total probably will be worked out on its placing in 1986. If it finishes six, with 23 points over 22 games, it will have an average of 1.05 points per game, placing it ninth in our past performance standings, and earning it 26.08 points.

In determining points for placings in 1986, the top team in the Northern Division and the top team in the Southern Division both will score 50 points, diminishing by 4.17 points for each position down the table.

The two Divisional winners and the winner of the NSL grand final, if it is not a Divisional winner, all will qualify automatically for the 14-team league. The bottom team in each division will be relegated automatically, and there will be no promotion from State Leagues at the end of this season.

Promotion does not start until the end of 1987 (see separate story).

A total of 10 points will be awarded to the team with the largest number of spectators at its home matches over the 1986 season. Crowd numbers will be checked by NSL officials who will be assigned to every match player.

The value of crowd support will decrease by .42 for every level going down, although this too has yet to be ratified by the NSL.

Blacktown probably will pick up a better score than it would otherwise have expected in the crowd criteria because of proposed guest appearances by Kevin Keegan.

Footscray J.U.S.T. will draw interest because of its Yugoslav recruits, providing coach Drago Sekularac can mould them into a winning unit.

The NSL has yet to decide what to do if, say, four teams vying for position No. 14 in the 1987 league, all finish with the same number of points under the criteria.

Mr Kamaz speculated that those clubs then would have to play off.

Stevenson hits out at Heidelberg

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"I'm really looking forward to playing alongside Marshall Soper and Chris Kalantzis up front. To tell you the truth I used to watch big Marshall on TV when I was in Melbourne and I wasn't that impressed with him but having a look at him first-hand I can tell you now that the big guy is a tremendous player. And what a talent this young Kalantzis is. It'll benefit me playing alongside a guy like Marshall and hopefully young Chris will benefit from playing with me and Marshall."

Stevenson never has had doubts about his ability. Before cynics label him a big-headed, remember that every good player must have unshakeable self-confidence. Stevenson is a good player. He's mobile, he's aggressive, he has good skills, he has stamina, a nose for goals and all the self-confidence he needs.

South Melbourne Hellas coach John Margaritis, who guided Brunswick Juventus to the national championship last year, recognised Stevenson's qualities when he phoned the 23-year-old striker last November.

"John Margaritis got in touch with me and asked me how I'd like to play next to Charlie Egan. I said sure, we've Charlie's magic player. A meeting was supposed to be arranged the following week but the next I heard from Hellas was two weeks ago when they tried to sign me up before the appeals hearing. I think they (Hellas) offered Heidelberg something like \$15,000 for me but Hellas was too late. I was committed to Olympic and I wasn't about to let them down."

"Playing with Olympic puts me in the shop window. I want to be successful. Olympic wants to be successful. It's up to me now to do my bit."

Lions in nuddle over Mabbutt

West Adelaide Hellas's reported signing of Crystal Palace striker Kevin Mabbutt has stunned Brisbane Lions officials.

Lions believed they were close to signing the Englishman, whose brother Gary plays for Tottenham, when news of the West Adelaide approach broke.

Lions were keen to sign Mabbutt, who scored 29 goals in 129 games with Bristol City and more recently 22 goals in 75 games for Palace, to bolster their NSL attack. Lions inability to put away chances last year undoubtedly cost them a top five place.

Mabbutt was seen as an answer to that problem.

The club had enlisted the aid of rich sponsor Foster's Lager to put together the package for Mabbutt and had been sitting back quietly, confident of an affirmative reply. Lions still are waiting but the lakers from Westad is that it no longer is chasing Mabbutt.

After setting up valuable and strong

links in Britain following guest appearances of George Best, Bob Latchford and Alan Sunderland, Lions have several irons in the fire.

The club already has secured a Scotsman, a leading scorer with his Second Division Club. Lions are keeping his identity secret until his arrival next month.

And there is money in the coffers if Lions want to buy others. In addition to the \$16,000 from Heidelberg for Alan Hunter and the \$24,000 from Melbourne Croatia for Tony Redmond the bank balance has been boosted by an increased sponsorship from Foster's and another sponsorship by boot manufacturer, Lotto.

"Yes, there is money there," Lions secretary Laurie Oudendyk conceded, "but it is not our policy to buy someone unless they are better than what we have at the club, and it is hard to better players like Alan Hunter, Russell and John Stewart, Steve Jackson, David Hunter and Danny Wright to mention a few."

While Lions have been reluctant in the past to fork out big money for defenders, they may have to buy to get a replacement for Alan Hunter. Norm Bell, who it was

hoped would fill the gap left by the departure of the national under 21 player of the Year, may prove a little green to be thrown into the NSL and Lions are looking for a standby.

And it was not surprising that club officials were interested to learn Brisbane City had given its former Scottish stopper Frank Liddell a free transfer.

Liddell has been back in Scotland, where he is player-manager of the St. Johnstone reserves, for nearly two years and City were forced to release him to make way for new visa players.

But what City may have realised is that, if reports from one of Liddell's close friends still in Australia are correct, the big defender could be back here this month. On a one season proposition, Lions might sponsor that return on a sporting rather than holiday visa.

But such a deal involves a twist in itself for Lions. The club has Joe Cairney and Jim McDonagh on its list of new Scottish signing. Cairney, three, for Liddell to be signed one will have to go — unless Cairney's much awaited permanent release comes through.

— RICKY ROSSO

Lettieri sensational

Brisbane City has settled contractual disputes with two of its most experienced players, striker Alan Reis and defender and last year's captain Mike Milovanovic.

But the players' slowness in agreeing to terms for this season may have cost them the edge in winning a place in the Azurri starting line-up.

In a recent Silver Boot pre-season tournament match at Lions, Kilovanovic was played at leftback while Reis was substituted in the second half.

Milovanovic, the former Socorro, lost his sweeper's place to youngsters Frank Mengotti, who in these early games is making a fine fist of his new responsibility.

Playing behind Olympic United youngster Mike Cernack, the pair looked racy but make up in enthusiasm what they lack in experience. Mengotti certainly has more pace than Milovanovic, who can take little heart from his switch to leftback and it is a foregone conclusion that the No. 3 shirt will be returned to Geoff Bromfield once he is back from holidays.

Reis, signed only last year from Canberra, was a lone attacking force in the dull and heartless City side last season. That may have prompted him to ask for a

little more this year, but others now may be eying his position.

Former Newcastle (UK), Brechin and New Zealand National League player Phil Whyte is trailing up front for City while Newcastle (NSW) striker Dean Milosic is anxious to gain a Brisbane Club following a work appointment on the Gold Coast.

Although Reis was sharp and as always skilful in his first appearance for City in the Silver Boot, when Milosic substituted for him he added a new dimension of width on the right wing.

That too of course could put pressure on Luciano Fabrizio to retain his place as one definitely has to go make way for Irish striker Keiran Cooper.

At this stage, Whyte probably has shown the least of all three and the forward line could be Fabrizio, Reis and Cooper. But that could be a trio of ballplayers, who will be the target man.

But the sensation so far for City has been the early season form of Roberto Lettieri. The former Porto Alegre striker has been given a free role in midfield and is revealing in being on the ball more than last year.

Lettieri played only four NSL matches after arriving midway through last season and on the wing, hampered by little English, he was merely a passenger — occasionally doing a juggling trick to amuse

those who knew little more.

Although the opposition in the Silver Boot has been in the NSL, and his space and time is certain to be less once the fixtures start, his commitment is up 200 percent.

In addition to his delightful flicks and artistic left-foot placements, he is now willing to mark, chase back and even tackle — aspects of his game largely unseen in his NSL appearances last season.

"If Roberto can maintain his current keenness and determination, I have got a feeling this might be a big year for him," City coach Jim Hermonston said.

City certainly needed flair in midfield. New signing Steve Hogg will accept a lot of the work, while the big hearted Bobby Hamilton will undoubtedly do more than his share of ball winning and running.

But with Frank Pimblett's future at the club in the air — he is on a working holiday in North Queensland indefinitely — City needs someone who can create attacks. More than once during the Silver Boot, Lettieri has done that with pinpoint passes through the opposing defence.

Whether the South American can maintain the form when it counts and for an entire NSL match remains to be seen. The success of City supporters have their fingers crossed.

— RICKY ROSSO

Geelong Cup final

● The final of the Geelong Advertiser Cup will be between host club, North Geelong, and Geelong, at Elcho Park this Friday at 6pm.

North qualified for the final by beating Hamlyn Rangers 0-1 in a game which was much closer than the score suggests. In an even first half, Hamlyn had several chances, but after having a man sent off and going behind, Hamlyn crumbled. The highlight of the game was a hat-trick by young John Krkac.

Geelong had a tough passage to the final against Bell Park, going a goal down after a typically fast and controlled move by John Bond. The striker rounded two defenders and the keeper then placed his shot into the corner. It was well into the second half before Geelong's left

back, Peter McCaffrey, hit a swerving shot past Lucky Fleming then struck a left foot trundler through a wall of bodies for the winner.

The third place play-off between Bell Park and Hamlyn Rangers, will take place tonight (Wednesday) at 6 p.m.

— ROY HAY

Hughes to move?

● Box Hill midfielder Andy Hughes has failed to agree on terms for a new contract. He can be contacted at work on 872 9633 or at home on 762 1074.

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Overseas round-up with PAUL MOON

● Poland completed a 2-0 victory over Italian Serie A side Pisa in a friendly fixture without the aid of Zbigniew Boniek, thereby fuelling speculation that a rift exists between the star midfielder and coach Antoni Piechniczek.

● Monaco caused one of the biggest sensations in French League history when thrashing current champion Bordeaux 9-0.

● Tele Santana rejected an offer of \$576,000 a year from a Saudi Arabian club to coach Brazil.

● Stewart Robson, a member of England's team at the 1981 Coca-Cola Cup Finals in Australia, was included in his country's squad which prepared for the recent senior international with Egypt. Steve Hodge (Aston Villa) and Peter Beardsley (Newcastle United) also gained selection for the first time.

● Craig Levein (Hearts) and Eamonn Bannon (Dundee United) were surprise inclusions in the Scottish squad for the recent friendly international with Israel. Scotland won 1-0.

● West Germany has restored Borussia Monchengladbach defender Wilfried Hannes to its World Cup squad. He has not represented his country for over three years.

● John Bond, manager of Manchester City Cup Final, has taken charge of English First Division struggler Birmingham City.

● Bayern Munich, SV Waldhof Mannheim, VfB Stuttgart and Borussia Dortmund have reached the West German Cup semi-finals.

● West German international defender or midfielder Andreas Brehme is to move from Kaiserslautern to Bayern Munich at the end of the current season. The two clubs have agreed upon a \$1,350,000 transfer fee.

● Paris St Germain's 26-match record breaking run in the First Division without defeat came to an end when it was beaten 2-0 at Lille. This was a replay of the game abandoned through floodlight fail-

ure two months ago, with four minutes remaining and the score 1-1.

● Manchester United and Coventry City have completed an exchange transfer involving Terry Gibson, City's leading goalscorer for the past two seasons and ex-Scottish international Alan Brazil. Coventry will receive a balance of \$60,000.

● Former Manchester United and England striker Brian Kidd has been appointed manager of English Fourth Division club Preston North End.

● A consortium of businessmen, headed by oil magnate Dino Awani, has pledged two billion lire to save AC Milan which has been threatened with bankruptcy since president Giuseppe Farina mysteriously resigned in December and promptly left for South Africa. Milan's public prosecutor's office has opened an investigation into the club's finances.

● The Paris District League club Avenir created one of the biggest upsets in French Cup history when eliminating First Division Toulon 1-0.

● Former Scottish international midfielder Bruce Riech has been appointed manager at English Second Division club Middlesbrough.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

SPAIN											
Hercules	1	Cadix	1	Sevilla	1						
Real Valladolid	0	Athletic Bilbao	1								
Real Madrid	2	Osasuna	2	Celta	1						
Atletico Madrid	1	Real Sociedad	1								
Real Zaragoza	3	Real Betis	1	Racing	1						
	1	Real Betis	1	Espanol	2	Valencia	1				
	1	Las Palmas	3	Barcelona	0						
Leading standards											
SPAIN											
Real Madrid	19	4	2	57	18	A	P	I			
Barcelona	15	6	4	42	31	A	P	I			
Ath Bilbao	12	6	4	28	26	A	P	I			
All Madrid	12	6	4	28	26	A	P	I			
Sevilla	10	6	2	19	29	A	P	I			
Spartans	10	6	2	19	29	A	P	I			
Real Zaragoza	9	9	3	35	29	A	P	I			
Real Sociedad	11	5	9	39	37	A	P	I			
Results of Quarter-final, first leg matches in the Spanish Cup											
Real Madrid	0	Athletic Madrid	1	Barcelona	2	Sabadell	1	Athletic Bilbao	1		
Second Leg Played on February 16											
Result of third round											
Burgo	1	Real Zaragoza	2	(aggs 1:3)	after extra time						
GREECE											
Apollon	1	Olympiakos	0	AEK	1	Kalamata	0	Ethnikos	2		
Panathinaikos	2	Doxa	0	Iraklis	0	Panathinaikos	0	Athinaikos	1		
Panathinaikos	1	Aris	1								
GREECE											
Panathinaikos	14	3	4	31	21	P	I	A			
Iraklis	10	6	4	24	13	A	P	I			
OFI	11	3	9	27	18	A	P	I			
OFI	11	3	9	28	16	A	P	I			
AEK	9	8	6	28	18	A	P	I			
ITALY											
Catania	1	Milan	1	Internazionale	1						
Atalanta	0	Juventus	1	Torino	1	Lecce	2				
Atalanta	1	Napoli	0	Florentina	3	Pisa	0				
Udinese	0	Roma	5	Avellino	1	Sampdoria	0	Verona	0		
ITALY											
Juventus	13	7	1	31	9	A	P	I			
Verona	12	6	2	16	30	A	P	I			
Napoli	8	9	4	21	14	A	P	I			
MILAN											
Milan	9	9	4	20	15	A	P	I			
Torino	7	8	5	21	16	A	P	I			
Internazionale	6	8	7	26	24	A	P	I			
Florentina	6	8	7	21	17	A	P	I			
Verona	7	6	8	19	26	A	P	I			
TURKEY											
Besiktas	3	Ankaragucu	0	Gencler	Birginci	2	Kayserispor	2	Galatasaray	5	
Kayserispor	2	Sakaryaspor	0	Samsunspor	0	Trazonspor	1	Sariyerli	1	Orduspor	4
Malayiaspor	3	Eksishehirspor	0	Karaguc	1	Jendekizspor	2	Kocaelispor	2	Rizespor	1
Rizespor	1	Denizlispor	0								
TURKEY											
Real Madrid	12	10	6	38	13	A	P	I			
Barcelona	11	11	11	33	32	A	P	I			
Samsunspor	9	10	5	36	18	A	P	I			
Sariyerli	8	10	4	21	16	A	P	I			
Fenerbahce	8	9	6	20	11	A	P	I			
Trabzonspor	9	7	6	20	11	A	P	I			
Eksishehirspor	10	4	8	37	30	A	P	I			
Karaguc	10	4	8	28	31	A	P	I			
Ankaragucu	10	5	7	31	24	A	P	I			
Malayiaspor	7	7	3	21	28	A	P	I			
WEST GERMANY											
Buchom	3	Kaiserslautern	2	Farfuna	Duisburger	2	Spartan	Venusen	2		
Hamburg	0	Bayern Munich	0	Nuremberg	2	Werder Bremen	2				
WEST GERMANY											
Werder Bremen	14	5	3	33	32	A	P	I			
Bayern Munich	14	4	5	50	24	A	P	I			
Meinchenjager	12	7	5	30	31	A	P	I			
Bayern Leverkusen	10	1	6	46	33	A	P	I			
Hamburg	7	4	4	33	33	A	P	I			
Stuttgart	9	5	8	40	34	A	P	I			
Bayern Uerdingen	9	5	8	33	49	A	P	I			
Buchom	10	5	7	30	25	A	P	I			
Frankfurt	5	10	7	24	33	A	P	I			
Bchalke	7	5	10	34	35	A	P	I			
Nuremberg	7	5	10	34	39	A	P	I			
Dortmund	7	5	10	35	45	A	P	I			
Kaiserslautern	6	10	6	28	33	A	P	I			
Cologne	5	8	9	31	38	A	P	I			
Stuttgart	5	8	9	31	38	A	P	I			
Saarbrucken	4	7	11	28	43	A	P	I			
Hannover	5	10	3	13	69	A	P	I			
FRANCE											
Results of French Cup Second Round											
First Leg Matches: Strasbourg	1	0	1	16	23	Paris Saint-Germain	1	0	1	16	
Red Star	0	1	16	22	Exploir	0	1	16	20		
Cancaeneau	1	0	16	20	Rennes	1	0	16	20		
Angers	0	1	16	20	St. Etienne	1	0	16	20		
Creus	0	1	16	20	Meunier	1	0	16	20		
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TA NEA TON OMAΔΩN MΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

by
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BUFFALO GOLD CUP

Φτάσαμε σήμερα στην τελευταία φάση των προκριματικών του Μπάφολ Γκολντ Καπ και έκτός από την Κροατία που έχει πάρει την πρόκριση, παραμένουν ακόμη άρκετοι όμορφι-οι και στους δυο όμιλους.

Σήμερα παίζουν: ΤΣΑΕΤ - ΚΡΟΥΝΤΟΝ και ΓΙΟΥΒΕΝΤΟΥΣ - ΓΚΡΕΝ ΓΚΑΛΑΥ.

Οι προκριματικοί θα συνεχιστούν την Παρασκευή (ΜΕΤΑΔ - ΜΠΟΣ ΧΙΑ και ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΜΟΡ-ΤΟΥΣΑ) ως επίσης και το Σάββατο που θα παίζουν: ΚΡΟΑΤΙΑ - ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ και ΠΡΕΣ-ΤΟΝ - ΤΖ.ΚΡΟΕ.

Ελπίζω για τους ημιτελικούς έχουν οι ομάδες Γιουβέντους και Πανελλήνιος από τον Α' όμιλο ενώ στον Β' είναι 4 ομάδες (Πρέστον-Τζ.Κροε-Αλέξανδρος-Μπόξ Χιλ) οι οποίες κυνηγούν την πρόκριση.

ΕΛΛΑΣ: 4 ΠΑΙΤΝΙΑΙΑ... 2 ΒΑΘΜΟΙ

Μπορεί μερικοί να έφυγαν ικανοποιημένοι από το 0-0 που έφερε η Έλλάς με την ι-ταλική Γιουβέντους. Μπορεί να οδήγησε το γόητρο του προπονητή Γιαννέλου αφού δεν έχασε από τον Χάινκεντ αλλά με τον δευ-τερο βαθμό που έβγαλε στο ενεργητικό της η ομάδα μέσα σε 4 μέτρες, δείχνει καθαρά πως υπάρχουν προβλήματα και περισσότερο στον επιθετικό τομέα, έπει που είναι τε-λεώς αγνώστη.

Ας ελπίσουμε ότι σύντομα θα λυθούν τα προβλήματα διαπορευτικά σίγουρα θα υπάρ-χουν εξελίξεις.

Για τον αγώνα δύο πράγματα σημειώσαμε: 1ον) Οι Γιαννέλος δεν έμεινε αδιάφορος την άριστη επίδοση του υπερχρή από 4 Γιου-βέντους έπαιξε σε δύο σκεδόν το ίδιο σύ-στημα της συνέντευξης με 10 παίκτες.

Είχε άφριση μόνο του "Έγαν" και με μιά μικρή βοήθεια από τον Μπολνέουσι περιμένει το γκολ.

Αντίθετα είχε τρεχίλει στο κέντρο τους περισσότερους παίκτες του. Μ' άλλα λόγια φοβόταν να ένοιαζε να παίζει επιθετικά και να κερδίσει την αντίπαλή του.

Με από τον κέρδισε με 10 παίκτες που έπαιξε 4 "Τσιουβ" τότε περιμένει να την νικήσει.

Ο δεύτερος ήταν καλός σκεδόν για την Έλλάς με τα συμπεριλά της χλόν για 5 λεπτά έβγαλε σε διάστημα τον αγώνα, δυο μι-κρά παίκτες. Έπει ο Μανώλης Ανεζόνης και ο Γιάννης Κανασούλης που άνοιξαν τα δρόμα... Καίριος ήταν.

RODILA MAJKA SEPRTLJE

I da im time JUST. Na svim nečin utakmicama "Plavi" su imali izrele sance od svojih protivnika, ali jos nisu postigli ni jednu pobjedu. Nalaze se na posljednjem mestu u svojoj grupi sa jednim bodom, sto je sramota za klub koji se takmiči u Nacionalnoj ligi.

Od svih poraza, najteži je ovaj zadnji sa Box Hillom, jer je u pitanju amaterski tim, koji je odrzao JUST-u profesionalnu lekciju.

Pogledajmo sta sva "Plava" navala nije iskoristila na svoj takmič.

Na prvom mestu deset kornera, od kojih je samo jedan ugrozio protivnika mrežu, i to, zahvaljujuci najmlađem igraču Zoranu Milicu.

Vec u 2. minuti Bil Lazopoulos je primio loptu od Ernie Tapala, koju je lako mogao da smesti u mrežu. Međutim, on je sutrao visoko u oblak.

U 13. minutu Oscar Latif je idealno proigrao Vlatka Belica, a ovaj sa sedam metara sutira pravo u golmana.

Minut kasnije Zdravko Lujic se idealno probio duboko u Box Hillov karneni prostor, ali je pogresno dodao u nazad, iza ledja Oscar Latifu, koji je stajao slobodan na sedam metara od gola.

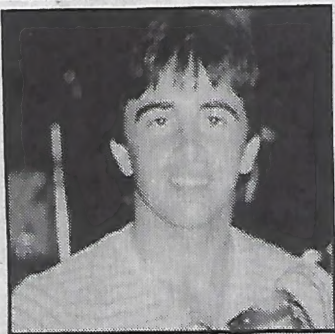
U 19. minutu Box Hill je izveo svoj drugi kornar. Dok je "plava" odbrana stajala kao ukopana, navala Box Hill je iz tri poteza namirala nemocnog Nikitovica.

U 33. minutu JUST je imao jos jednu sansu. Latif je dodao Tapalu, a ovaj je iz vrta povoljne pozicije sutirao preko prečke u gol.

U prvom poluvremenu JUST je imao cetiri zrelе sance, Box Hill ni jednu, a rezultat je ipak bio 1:0 za Box Hill.

Posle odmora nastavlja se agonija JUSTOVE navale. Vec u prvom minutu Zdravko Lujic je presao sve igrace i golmana, ali je pogodio samo stativu.

Tri minuta kasnije Vojislav Vukcevic se nasao na 8



Ο Νίκος Πατάσος που θα προσφέρει τις υπηρεσίες του στο Κλίφτον Χιλ.

TA ΛΑΘΗ ΠΑΡΕΝΟΝΤΑΙ

Τελικά το "Ολυμπικ" πλήρωσε 13.000 δολ. και πήρε τον πολυσυζητημένο Στήβενσον μοντά του.

Φυσικά ήταν αφού ο πρόεδρος κ. Ντουμά-νις είχε βιαστεί να δώσει κάπως παρόμοιο να στον παίκτη 12.000 δολάρια.

Έτσι η μεταγραφή του κόστισε 25.000 δολάρια, ενώ θα μπορούσε να είχε φτά-σει στις 15.000 δολάρια.

Τα λάθη λοιπόν πληρώνονται αφού τελικά ο Αλέξανδρος φάνηκε πάλι έξυπνος.

ΠΡΟΚΡΙΘΗΚΕ ΤΟ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ

Το Κλίφτον Χιλ απέκλεισε για το Ντόκερ-τυ Καπ το Περν Σέλιτιν που ήταν και η κρωατική ομάδα της 1ης κατηγορίας.

Η ελληνική ομάδα δέχθηκε γκολ από πέν-αυτ αθλητή στο 32' και στο 34' είχε δο-κάρει σε σκότ του καλύτερου παίκτη Γκλέ-λν.

Επώνυμοι επανέληψαν ή κυανόλευκος πήρε την έρεσση και έχασε καλές ευκαιρίες για την ίσοφρηση που τελικά ήλθε στο 68' με τον Σερβόβιτς.

Η συνέχεια μετά το 1-1 ήταν για το Κλί-φτον που στο 87' έχασε μιά τρανταχτή εφ-καιρία με τον Σέκο.

Στην παράταση που κράτησε ο άριστος ρε-φερ κ. STUART MELLINGS το αποτέλεσμα έ-μεινε το ίδιο για να κληθούν πάλι να σταθεί κέρδισε το Κλίφτον 2-1.

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κος-Στρατάνης ενώ απέτυχαν οι Γκέλλης και Σέκος. Ο γκολκίπερ Γιάννης Κόργιος απέκρουσε ένα από τα πέναλτυ των αντιπάλων σιγουρευοντας την νίκη.

Έπαιξαν οι: Κόργιος, Γκέλλης, Βλαχάκης, Τυρίκος, Λορέντζι (104 Παπαγιαννέπουλος) Βυ-σούλας, Πατάσος, Παπαεργίου, Σέκος, Κα-ράλαμης και Στρατάνης.

ΝΙΚΗΣ Η ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ

Γιά το Ντόκερτυ Καπ η Κλαρίντα πέτυχε μεγάλη νίκη επί του Μόρνινγκτον με 3-0. Τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Β. Γκατζίνας, Ουγκλίν και Πετρίκος.

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ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ

Την Κυριακή 23/2 ο Ηρακλής αγωνίζεται για το Κύπελλο του Φάνερ στις 4.00 μ.μ με το Σάμπετον.

Η έκτακτη νικητική συνέντευξη θα γίνει την Κυριακή 23/2 και ώρα 10.00 π.μ. στη λέσχη του συλλόγου.

ΓΟΥΣΤ

Προπονητές για τα Τζουβιόρς ζητάει η WE ST UNITED. Παρομοίως στον πρόεδρο Βα-σίλη Κόνικιο στο 366 1574.

ΑΕΚΟΤΕΒΕΛ

Οι προπονήσεις του συλλόγου γίνονται κά-θε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη στις 6.00 μ.μ. Επίσης ζητούνται παίκτες για τα Τζουβιό-ρς και προπονητές. Τηλ. 337 2931.

ΠΕΛΟΠΑΣ

Ο Πέλοπας προπονείται κάθε Τρίτη και Πέ-μπτη στο γηπέδο του και ώρα 6.00 μ.μ. Την Β' ομάδα ανέλαβε ο Βασίλης Βαρθάρας.

Επίσης ζητούνται Τζουβιόρς. Οι ενδιαφερό-μενοι να τηλεφωνήσουν στον κ. Καραγιάν-νις στο 428 2913.

ΑΝΤΑΡΩΑΣ

Ο Ανταρδωας πρόκειται να ενισχυθεί με τους παίκτες Π. Μαρκόπου, Π. Χασάτη και Γ. Ζαχαρήνη.

ΠΑΝΕΣΠΑΙΚΟΣ

Ο Πανσερραϊκός ιδρύθηκε πάλι και θα άγω-νίζεται στην 1η κατηγορία του Ένταστρι-αλ Λήγν.

ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ

Τζουβιόρς ζητάει η Δόξα. Παρομοίως στον πρόεδρο Τζιμ Αμανατίδη 682068.

ΚΛΑΦΑΝΤ

Την Κυριακή αρχίζει το Κύπελλο του Φάν-νερ στο οποίο μετέχει το Κλάφντ.

Ο πρώτος αγώνας της ελληνικής ομάδας είναι την Τρίτη 25/2 και ώρα 7.00 μ.μ. με την Πολένια.

ΒΙΚΤΟΡΙΑΝ ΛΗΓΚ ΚΑΠ

Για το Κύπελλο του Βικτόριαν έγινε η κρώτη κλήρωση (Α' γύρος) που ήλθε τις ελ-ληνικές ομάδες έχει ως εξής:

ΣΠΙΡΚΙΝΚΕΣΑ ΓΙΟΥΝ. - ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ

ΜΠΑΛΑΡΑΤ - Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ

ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ - ΝΟΡΘ ΤΖΑΧΟΥΚ

ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΑΟΚ - ΡΟΕΛΑΝ

ΓΙΑΛΑΟΥΤΝ - ΠΕΑΟΠΑΣ

Πέρασαν χωρίς αγώνα στον Β' γύρο οι ομά-δες ΟΚΑΕ, και ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ.

Οι συναντήσεις θα γίνουν την 1η Μαρτίου με ώρα έναρξης: 3.00 μ.μ.

ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ ΒΑΛΑΔΕΣ

Έγιναν οι αγώνες του Κυπέλλου Βαλαδές που έχουν ως εξής:

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ - ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ 1-0

ΑΤΟΛΙΑΚΟΣ - ΠΑΝΑΘΗΝΑΪΚΟΣ 0-1

ΑΕΚ - ΧΑΛΚΙΔΑ 2-0

ΒΟΡΑΛΙΑΚΟΣ - ΑΡΕΕ 0-1

ΑΠΟΛΩΝ ΑΘ. - ΒΕΝΙΚΟΣ 2-1

ΚΑΒΑΛΑ - ΠΑΝΑΧΑΪΚΗ 1-0

ΟΕΗ - ΑΝΑΤ. ΣΑΡΑΪΤΣΑΙ 5-2

ΕΡΤΩΣΤΑΕΣ - ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ ΒΟΛΟΥ (θα παί-ζουν σήμερα).

Προκρίθηκαν οι ομάδες: ΠΑΝΑΘΗΝΑΪΚΟΣ, ΑΕΚ, ΑΡΕΕ, ΒΕΝΙΚΟΣ, ΟΕΗ, ΠΑΝΑΧΑΪΚΗ και ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑ-ΚΟΣ.

Η κλήρωση της νέας φάσης του Κυπέλλου θα γίνει την Τετάρτη 26/2.

Οι πρώτες συναντήσεις θα γίνουν στις 12/3 και οι επαναληπτικοί αγώνες στις 9 Απριλίου 1986.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

do 9 metara od Box Hillovog gola, ali i on je sutirao pored gola.

U 45. minutu golman Box Hilla je ispuštio jaku Belicu loptu pravo na nogu Oscar Latifu, koji je sa tri metra promasio prazan gol.

U protivnapadu Box Hill je poveo sa 2:0. Ovog puta iz dva poteza. Niko ne zna gde je bila i sta je radila JUST-ova odbrana u ovom trenutku.

Posle ovoga JUST je imao jos cetiri sance, ali ni jedni nije iskoristio.

Najviše razocaran je svakako trener Sekularac, koji ima tezak posao pred sobom. Od prvog trenutka on je govorio da JUST nema originalne igraje i tesko ce ga naci u svojim redovima. Navali ce osvetiti i ojacati mladi Vlada Stosic, koji jos ceka ispisnicu iz Jugoslavije. On je zadnji adut.

Poslednju sansu za rehabilitaciju u Nocnom kupu JUST ima veceras na Olympic Parku, gde u 7.15 igra protiv Crovion Citya.

CROATIA BEZ KONKURENCIJE

Melbourne Croatia je usla u Nocno takmicenje bez velike pompe, ali je zato postigla najbolje rezultate i afirmisala se kao najsolidnija ekipa. Odavno niko nije tako samleo protivnika kao Croatia Morwell Falcions proslog petka uvece.

Jedini konkurenti Croatiae za osvajanje Nocnog

kupa za sada su Aleksander i Makedonija, takode neporazene ali daleko manje efikasne ekipe.

Dok je za Croatiaju poslednji susret sa Western Suburbom samo formalnost, dotle Heidelberg Alek-ander i Makedonija moraju da osvoje po jedan bod najmanje u susretu sa Box Hillom, odnosno sa George Crossom.

Aleksander igra sa Box Hillom prvu utakmicu u petak uvece, 21. februara. Croatia takode igra prvu utakmicu protiv Western Suburbusa u sobotu uvece, dok glavnu utakmicu iste veceri igraju Makedonija i George Cross.

Ako ne bude vecih iznenađenja, u prvom polufinalu treba da se sastanu Melbourne Croatia i Aleksander, a u drugom Makedonija i Juventus.

Svoju superiornost Croatia je potvrdila i prosle nedelje, kada je u prijateljskom susretu na svom novom igralistu u Sunshine u visoko porazila Makedoniju sa 4:1. Istina, obe ekipe su probale mlade igrace, sto ne umanjuje uspeh Croatia. Naprotiv, samo ga podize, jer je i mladi tim Croatiae pobedio u predigri Makedoni- jine nade sa 3:1.

Makedonija ce, medjutim, biti mnogo jaca u zavrs- nim borbama nocnog kupa. Prema zadnjim obavestin-

jima pojacanja za Makedoniju stizu tokom ove nedelje. Danas dolazi Ron Campbell iz Perta, a u sobotu pre- podne Mile Necovski iz Jugoslavije. Ako ne ovaj drugi, ali Campbell ce sigurno igrati protiv George Crossa u sobotu uvece.

DOCKERTY KUP

Altone Gate/VARDAR - Port Melbourne 3:0 (1:0). Igrači Altone Gate su lako i ubedljivo savladali zila- vog protivnika na njegovom terenu. U prvom poluv- remenu, kadua su snage bile izjednaecene, postignut je samo jedan gol. Cele Presilki se ne seca streleca, ali izgleda da je to bio Jimmy Kebakovski, jakim udarcem po zemlji sa 15 metara.

U drugom poluvremenu postignuta su dva gola posle kornera, koje je izveo majstorski Mendo Ristovski, a u strele su se upisali Jonec Serovski i Tim Bikicki.

Altone Gate je igrala u standardnom sastavu. Pov- rednjen Samsi Micevskov zamenio je Bil romanovski, a u drugom poluvremenu umesto Gustava Figuroc u igru je usao Dragi Mitrevski.

Ocekuje se sa nestrijeljenom ko ce biti sledeci protiv- nik Altone Gate za Dockerty Kup u sobotu 22. februara.

Ringwood Utd/SRBIA - Nunawading City 0:2 u produzku, postko se u regularnom vremenu utakmica zavrсила bez golova.

Oba gola "Srbija" je primila u prvom produzetku, krivicom levog beka i centarhalfa koji su bez potrebe vracali loptu golmanu.

Domen je igrao bez iskusnog Kelsona sto je uticalo na rezultat, iako se ocekivao poraz protiv renomiranog protivnika.

"Srbija" je nastupila sa dva nova igraca. Umesto veterana Jimmy Milisavljevica mrezu je cuvalo novaj- lica iz Crovion Citya, a navalu je vodio bivsi junior Wilhelmne.

U predigri rezervu Nunawading City pobedila je drugi tim "Srbije" sa 4:0.

Olympia looking good

Olympia-WPL, under new coach Ken Morton, looks like making a strong challenge for this year's Cadbury State League title judging by the club's form in recent pre-season friendlies.

Olympia beat Northern Tasmanian champion, George Town, 6-1 with goals by Morton, Forster and Goldsmith, all scoring twice.

The Greek side suffered a slight reversal when it lost 3-2 to Launceston Croatia but made amends by beating Devonport City 4-0.

New signings Michael Goldsmith and Andrew Hart, both from Caledonians, were Olym-

pia's scorers against Croatia, while Peter Sherman (2), Morton and Michael Goldsmith hit the target against Devonport.

Olympia has return games against George Town and Devonport coming up before the Summer Cup competition begins on 2 March.

Caledonians will have lost as many as six players by the time they compete in the Summer Cup in March, the trophy the club won last season.

Goldsmith and Hart are at Olympia while Chris Barrell also is training with Olympia and looks likely to sign.

Tasmanian Scene with WALTER PLESS

Defender Steve Brown is working in Launceston in the north of the state and will not be playing for Calies this season.

Promising reserve goalkeeper and Australian schoolboy representative Peter Groenwood has joined White Eagles while top defender Michael Driessen has been training with Croatia-Glenorchy.

It all means quite a few headaches for coach Tommy Wright but the good news is that Ian Parker, a former Rothmans Gold Medalist and probably the best player in the State, will stay with Calies.

One Obtained by Real Madrid for a substantial sum in 1984. RICARDO GARECA (America Cal): Helped the Colombian Champion reach the Liberradores Cup final shortly after a \$500,000 transfer had brought him from River Plate last year.

Past clubs were Boca Juniors and Argentinos Juniors. Scores the goals which clinched a berth in Mexico (against Peru) and the first Argentine win over Brazil in 13 years.

DANIEL PASSARELLA (Fiorentina): Powerhouse central defender who adds weight when supporting the attack. He has cemented his reputation since captaining Argentina during the triumphant 1978 World Cup campaign. Served River Plate for 10 years before joining his current Italian club in 1982. Will be 33 six days before 1986 World Cup finals start.

OSCAR GARRE (FC Oeste): Competent, unpretentious back four player who rose to prominence in FC Oeste's national championship winning side of 1982. An ever-present

ARGENTINA

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during the World Cup qualifying round.

OSCAR RUGGERI (River Plate): A solid defender, he made his name with Boca Juniors whose failure to grant him and Ricardo Gareca the freedom of contract to which they were entitled led to a players strike in 1984. Eventually joined River Plate for a \$150,000 signing on fee.

JULIAN CAMINO (Estudiantes de la Plata): Starred in the Estudiantes team which won both the First Division title and national championship in 1983 - the year he won his first cap. Can play anywhere in the back four.

MIGUEL RUSSO (Estudiantes de la Plata): Wily midfielder who was a late developer - being 28 when he first won a place in the Argentine squad two years ago. Tended to be inconsistent during qualifying rounds.

JOSE PONCE (Estudiantes de la Plata): A highly promising linkman, who will be 24 on the date of the World Cup semi-finals (June 25). Was dropped after the first qualifying round game in Venezuela.

JORGE BURRUCHAGA (Nantes): Cost his French club \$800,000 when he transferred from Independiente, where he helped win the Libertadores Cup and Toyota Cup last year, he is a brilliant utility player (used primarily as midfielder by Argentina). Played in Australia during 1981 Coca-Cola Cup finals.

ALBERTO MARCIO (Toulouse): A creative forward, he cost his French club \$180,000 when moving from FC Oeste in 1985.

PEDRO PASCUCCI (Lecce): A striker who was uncapped before the World Cup qualifying began, then played so well in them that Italian club Lecce

parted with \$1 million to secure his services. Formerly with Argentinos Juniors, he was equal top goalscorer during the 1984 Argentine domestic season with 21 goals.

OSCAR DERTYCIA (Instituto Cordoba): 21 in March, this striker has won a handful of caps, despite playing for an unfashionable provincial club.

RAMON DIAZ (Avelino): A strong, sharp striker who has been out of favor since the 1982 World Cup, but Maradona is teammate in Spain and in Japan during the 1979 Coca-Cola Cup finals).

He is actively campaigning for his recall and will Maradona wants, Maradona usually gets. He was formerly with River Plate and Naples.

CARLOS BILARDO (Coach): Midfield general of the Estu- dianes de la Plata team which won the Libertadores Cup three times and the 1968 World Club Championships. He was appointed national team coach in 1983, shortly after guiding Estudiantes to the First Division title.



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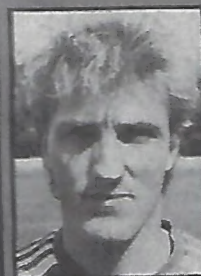
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